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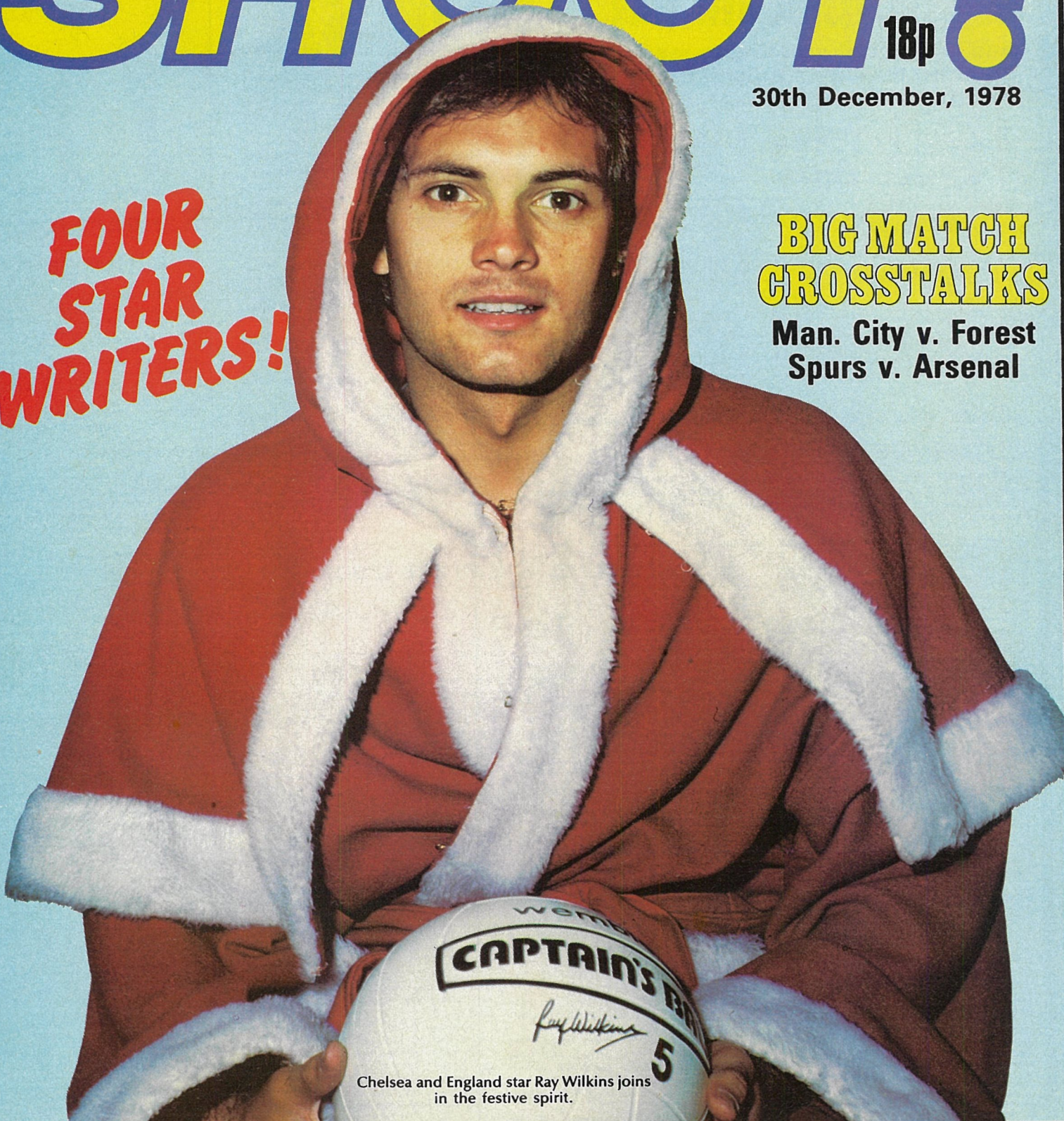
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Chelsea and England star Ray Wilkins joins
in the festive spirit.

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NEWS DESK

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FANCY winning a bet with a friend? Ask him the capacity of Wembley Stadium now . . . and chances are he'll answer 92,000. In fact, it is still 100,000. The discrepancy is because the afternoon figure is 100,000, but for safety reasons evening games are restricted to 92,000.

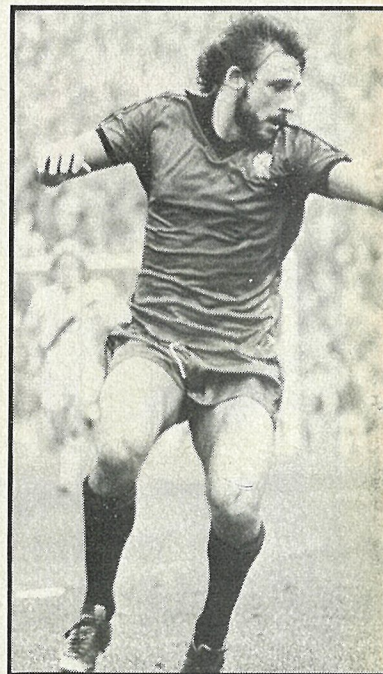
ANDREW Neal, 19-year-old son of Middlesbrough manager John Neal, recently made his Northern League debut with Shildon.

BOHEMIANS recently recorded their 500th League win by beating Limerick 1-0 at Dalymount Park. Fittingly the scorer was captain and ace striker Turlough O'Connor.

BIRMINGHAM are keeping an eye on Millwall's midfielder Phil Walker and Colchester striker Steve Foley. City boss Jim Smith was manager at Colchester for a spell, of course.

FORMER Blackpool, Newcastle United and Cardiff City forward Micky Burns should record a century of League goals soon.

THERE is a sign in one Scottish club's social club that reads: "Ears pierced while you wait." The notice is just beside the dart board!



Rangers loss — Killie gain

RANGERS lost £33,000 last season in spite of their "Grand slam" when they won the Scottish Premier Division Championship, the Scottish Cup and the Scottish League Cup.

The Ibrox club showed a profit of £123,000 — until they splashed out in the transfer market and the taxman took his cut.

Kilmarnock, however, finished £91,000 to the good, thanks to transfer fees received for goalkeeper Jim Stewart and Ian McCulloch.

JOHN COZENS has proved himself quite an inspiring captain as Cambridge United consolidate their position in the Second Division — and yet he only cost £2,000 from Peterborough in December, last year.

A great midfield general, the 32-year-old Hammersmith-born player, who was once noted for his goalscoring exploits, can point to a lot of experience.

He had non-League experience with Hillingdon Borough and Hayes and has served a third League club in Notts County. He toured Iceland with Middlesex Wanderers, played for the England Amateur XI and was a member of the Middlesex team which twice won Southern Counties honours.

CUT-PRICE NEWTON

HARTLEPOOL are prepared to reduce the £150,000 valuation on centre-forward Bob Newton. The Fourth Division club could be prepared to talk business around the £100,000 mark. Several clubs have checked on the former Huddersfield player.



Train on the right track

GRAHAM Taylor, the young and ambitious boss of Watford, is hoping Ray Train (left) becomes the last major link in the chain which can put The Hornets in the Second Division.

"Train is an extremely experienced midfielder player," says Taylor. "He can do a great job for us in our bid to stay in the Third Division promotion race."

Nuneaton-born Train, signed for £50,000 from Bolton in November, had a host of clubs interested in him — including Blackpool, Charlton, Mansfield, Carlisle, Bury and Chesterfield, but he chose Watford.

"They looked an ambitious and progressive club," said Train. "And I really mean to prove to them what I can do."

Train, who started out as a right or left-winger, joined Walsall from Bedworth during the 1967-68 season, but it was his

moves from Walsall to Carlisle and then on to Sunderland which caused quite a stir.

He cost Carlisle less than a five-figure fee when he joined them in December, 1971, but Sunderland had to pay £80,000 when they signed him in March, 1976.

Train stayed at Roker Park for precisely one year and then Bolton paid out the same fee that they were eventually going to get for him.

Bolton manager was really interested in Alan Hansen but could not agree on a fee with Partick Thistle. Hansen, of course, is now one of the stars of high-flying Liverpool.

Greaves then turned to Train and he made 34 appearances in Bolton's team which won promotion to the First Division last term.

SHAREHOLDER ALAN BALL

ALAN Ball has been 15 years with Queen of the South, which makes him Scotland's longest-serving goalkeeper. But he also has another claim to fame.

Alan is the only player in the Scottish League who is a shareholder in his club. This, in effect, gives him more power at Palmerston Park than manager Willie Hunter — although Alan would never dream of "pulling rank" on his boss.

He was given the 20 shares some years ago by a former director who emigrated to Rhodesia.

STEVE KEPT OUT SHILTON

STEVE Death (right), the 28-year-old Reading goalkeeper who has clocked over 400 appearances for his club, has another notable claim to fame.

As an England schoolboy he once kept Peter Shilton out for three internationals.

Shilton, of full England fame, has served Leicester and Stoke, and cost Nottingham Forest £270,000 when signed from Stoke in September, last year. Stoke had paid £340,000 for him in November, 1974.

Steve cost Reading a modest £20,000

when joining them from West Ham in August, 1970.

But Death, at 5ft 8in and 11st 7lb, is dwarfed by the 6ft 13½st Shilton. No one can deny, however Steve is little and good.

Reading have certainly had their value out of him. And yet they took their time buying him. He was on loan to them for three months from November, 1969, and it was only when West Ham listed him in the summer of 1970 that they put in their bid.



Defeat drives on RAY EVANS

ONE OF the surprise candidates for promotion from Division Two are Fulham, a club plagued by financial trouble and internal turmoil in the past couple of years.

But manager Bobby Campbell has a good, young squad, with captain Ray Evans (left) providing the experience for the youngsters to look to.

Evans, 29, hasn't had the best of luck during his career and despite playing 167 first team games for Spurs, missed out on honours.

In 1971/72, he played in six U.E.F.A. Cup-ties, but not the Semi's or the Final. The same season Ray played in the League Cup

Semi-Final which Spurs lost to Chelsea 5-4 on aggregate.

In 1972/73, he played in five League Cup-ties, including the Semi's, but not the victorious Final side.

The next season Ray DID play in a Final, but Spurs lost the U.E.F.A. Cup to Feyenoord. Ray still wears that losers' medal around his neck as a reminder... and an inspiration.

In January, 1975, he joined Millwall, who were relegated that season, to Division Three, although they came straight back up.

Now, Evans is hoping to lead Fulham back to Division One.

SCOUTING FOR LASERS

BACK in Britain scouting for players for his club California Lasers, members of the American Football League former Liverpool, Wolves and Southampton international Jimmy Melia reckons English football is having its brightest spell for a long time.

Melia, former Aldershot, Crewe and Southport manager says: "There is more attacking football being played now than for many years. And you have some tremendous young players. With people like Derek Statham, Kenny Sansom, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Barnes and Tony Woodcock the future has got to be bright."

But Melia adds: "Perhaps, however, there is a shortage of good young goalkeepers and centre-halves."

Going back down Memory Lane Melia, who played with all the greats of the late 50's and early 60's, claims the best of them all was Terry Paine the brilliant Southampton winger.

"He could play anywhere, and had a football brain that was as sharp as a razor."

THE Saxby boys are doing very nicely at Mansfield. Brothers Mike and Gary have been making it a nice double act on occasions when 18-year-old midfielder Gary has forced his way into the side.

Defender Mike, who turned professional in January, 1975, made 30 League appearances last season and the family fortunes were given a boost when Gary turned pro last December.

The Clipstone-born boys will always be grateful for the help they received from youth coach Jock Basford.

HEARTS have taken steps to ensure good crowd behaviour when they meet Hibs on New Year's Day and prevent a repeat of the scenes earlier this season when the clubs met at Tynecastle.

Since then a perimeter fence has been erected round the ground as well as separation barriers for the supporters. The Hearts board of directors have also insisted the game will be "all-ticket" with a capacity of 27,000 — a big difference from the 65,000 who saw the same fixture at Easier Road in 1950.

The Jan. 1 game usually attracts a crowd of around 30,000 when played at Tynecastle.

A couple of Christmas jokes as told by star writer Gordon Hill.

Have you heard the one about the Irish club who have been so impressed with the form of Hibs' Viking imports Isak Refvik and Sven Mathisen they have now made a bid for Tony Curtis and Kirk Douglas!

DEBBIE Newsome is the new Miss Sheffield United. Among the judges were manager Harry Haslam, team captain Micky Speight and Argentinian Alex Sabella.

The 18-year-old delectable Debbie is a self-employed promotional girl — who has been winning titles since the age of 15.

Harry Haslam and co. obviously hope Debbie can "promote" some titles their way!

BLUES v GLENS

THERE will be no "Big Two" Christmas clash between Belfast arch-rivals Linfield and Glentoran this time out, although the Bangor v. Ards, Cliftonville v. Distillery and Portadown v. Glenavon local derbies should whet the festive appetite in Ulster.

But The Blues and Glens, who meet Coleraine and Ballymena United, both at home, in Yuletide fixtures, do get together for what should prove a ding-dong New Year's Day encounter, at Windsor Park.

Rival bosses Roy Coyle (Linfield) and Arthur Stewart (Glentoran) both have at least one thing in common — they both played in Irish League Championship-winning Glentoran teams, some seasons back.

NOT every scouting trip ends with a star "discovery". Newcastle United chief scout Basil Hayward and former manager Joe Harvey had a wasted 600-mile round trip in search of a striker in Scotland.

The recommended forward did not even play!

Now one from Merseyside... Apparently Liverpool supporters maintain the First Division has two clubs nicknamed The Gunners.

There is the Arsenal... and Everton who keep saying "we are gunner win this and we're gunner win that."

Christmas will have an extra-special meaning this year for Manchester United and Scotland striker Joe Jordan. His wife Judith recently gave birth to Lucy Elizabeth. Helping with the delivery was Joe's sister Elizabeth, a midwifery sister at Leeds Maternity Hospital.



A Shelbourne fan who attacked the referee during the Shelbourne/Waterford match in Dublin recently, has been sentenced to six month's imprisonment for his action.

HECTIC XMAS

IT'S going to be a hectic Christmas for some of the League of Ireland players.

On Monday, 18th December, the League team left for Jeddah to play two games against Saudi Arabian opposition.

They finish their short tour with a game against the Spanish club Bilbao on Saturday the 23rd and then fly back to Dublin the same evening.

The players will barely have time to see their families because for the first time in recent years there is a full series of games in the Bass League of Ireland on Christmas Eve.

ST. JOHNSTONE manager Alex Stuart, who left Ayr United earlier this season, paid the club's highest-ever fee for striker Walter McCall — from his old club. It was Stuart who while manager at Somerset Park signed McCall from Aberdeen and he's confident Walter is just the man to help Saints climb away from the Scottish First Division relegation zone.

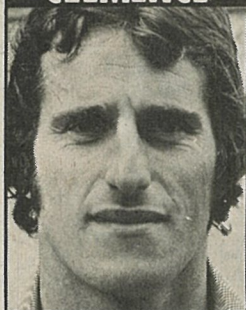
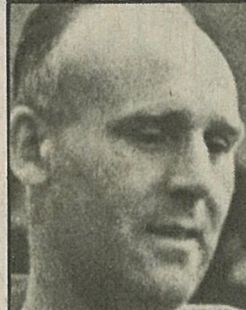
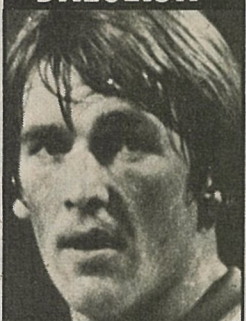
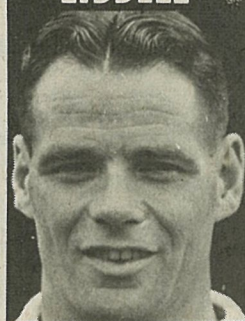
NOVEMBER MOVES

John Barton (Worcester C. to Everton)
Mel Blyth (Margate to Millwall)
Nick Chatterton (Crystal Pal. to Millwall)
Kazimierz Deyna (Legia Warsaw to Man. City)
Peter Farrell (Bury to Port Vale)
Ray Graydon (Washington Democrats to Oxford U.)
Bryan Hamilton (Millwall to Swindon)
Tony Hazell (Millwall to Crystal Pal.)
Mike Kellow (Exeter C. to Blackpool)
Roger Kenyon (Everton to Vancouver Whitecaps)
(to take effect Feb.)
Ted MacDougall (Southampton to Bournemouth)
Murdo MacLeod (Dumbarton to Celtic)
Brian McNeill (Bristol C. to Plymouth A.)
Leighton Phillips (Aston Villa to Swansea)
Mike Stead (Spurs to Southend U.)
David Stewart (Leeds U. to West Brom.)
Mick Thomas (Wrexham to Man. Utd.)
Ray Train (Bolton to Watford)

MANAGERIAL

Sammy Chung resigned as manager of Wolves; appointed manager Vaesterass (Sweden).
John Barnwell resigned as manager Peterborough U. and appointed manager Wolves.
Richie Barker ex-Shrewsbury manager appointed asst. manager Wolves.
Billy Bremner appointed manager Doncaster R. after Stan Anderson resigned to become asst. manager Bolton W.
George Mulhall, ex-Bolton asst. manager appointed manager Bradford C.
George Kirby appointed manager Halifax T.
Mick Buxton appointed manager Huddersfield T.
Jimmy Andrews sacked as manager Cardiff C.
Colin Murphy ex-Notts Co. asst. manager appointed manager Lincoln C.
Harry Gregg resigned manager Crewe Alex. and appointed to Manchester U. coaching staff.
Mike Ferguson sacked as manager of Rochdale.



CLEMENCE**SMITH****HUGHES****YEATS****LAMBERT****CALLAGHAN****KEEGAN****ST. JOHN****DALGLISH****HUNT****LIDDELL**

LIVERPOOL'S FINEST-EVER

IN 1946-47, Liverpool became the first post-War team to win the League Championship, and since that auspicious occasion and up to the present time, many honours have come the way of the Merseysiders and numerous trophies grace the Anfield sideboard.

To achieve this success, talented players were necessary and they were there in abundance, enough, in fact, to provoke the fascinating question... who were the 11 greatest among them?

Choosing a favourite team is not exactly a new occupation among soccer fans — but selecting one from a famous club such as Liverpool poses greater problems than it would with one of lesser fame.

Among the League and Cup-winning sides that have worn the famous red shirt over the last 30-odd years, it is a complex task to sort out 11 names from the number available.

Let's start with the title-winning team of the 1946-47 season. It was a side with a solid defence, sound constructive ability and strong finishing power, and lined-up as follows: Sidlow; Harley, Ramsden or Lambert; Taylor, Hughes, Paisley; Eastham, Balmer, Stubbins, Done or Fagan, Liddell.

In those days, teams used a 2-3-5 formation, and two of the half-backs, Phil Taylor and Bob Paisley, could hold their own with the best — and so could left-winger, the hard-shooting, strong-running Billy Liddell.

Billy was a match-winner for Liverpool on many, many occasions, and was able to operate successfully on either flank. When playing on the left-wing, he was at his most devastating with the ball



Kenny Dalglish (left) scores against Bruges to win the European Cup.

at his right-foot, cutting inside the full-back to unleash one of his power-drives from around the edge of the penalty-area.

Liddell was always superbly fit, a non-smoker and teetotaler, a goal-maker and a goalscorer. In any era, Billy would have been outstanding, and he would be a choice as a winger in any best-ever Liverpool side.

In his long career at Anfield, Liddell, who was signed by the late George Kay for the Merseysiders, was still on the books at Liverpool when Bill Shankly was appointed manager. Shankly arrived to take over The Reds on December 1, 1959, and it was during his epoch-making spell with the club and also that of present Anfield boss, Bob Paisley, Liverpool achieved their greatest run of success.

And, logically enough, it follows that it is the Shankly-Paisley era that furnishes what is one of Liverpool's finest-ever teams.

Looking back, veteran Kopites will recall that following the 1946-47 Championship win, and an unsuccessful F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Burnley in the same season, when Liverpool made a bid for the "double," there followed some lean years.

There was a Wembley F.A. Cup Final defeat against Arsenal in 1950, and the bitter experience of being relegated to Division Two in 1953-54.

But Shankly changed all that. He guided Liverpool back into the First Division in 1962 and laid the sort of foundation that has constantly kept them among the honours. Bill showed astute judgment in the transfer market, buying such quality players as Ron Yeats, Ian St. John, Gordon Milne, Willie Stevenson, Peter Thompson, Geoff Strong and Emlyn Hughes.

Shankly also developed local players — Roger Hunt, Jimmy

Melia, Gerry Byrne, Ian Callaghan, Tommy Smith and Chris Lawler, and it is from the men he bought and brought into prominence the bulk of the Liverpool team of all talents has been selected.

The Merseysiders clinched the League Championship in 1963-64 with a decisive 5-0 victory over Arsenal, and in 1965, Liverpool won the F.A. Cup for the first time in their history by beating Leeds United with a goal in extra-time by St. John. Then after lifting the League title again in 1966, The Reds had to start re-building, and Shankly had to reluctantly break up the old team.

Roger Hunt, goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence, Yeats, St. John, Stevenson and Milne were out, and the newcomers came in. There was Ray Clemence from Scunthorpe, Alec Lindsay from Bury, Larry Lloyd from Bristol Rovers, and big John Toshack from Cardiff. Not

forgetting university graduates Steve Heighway and Brian Hall, who were both in the Liverpool side that lost in the F.A. Cup Final to Arsenal in 1971.

So far, from the players already mentioned, the goalkeeper and back-four of our select team has already emerged, as follows: Clemence; Smith, Hughes, Yeats, Lambert.

Certainly, the choice of Clemence in goal is not surprising — a man who has consistently been a key man for Liverpool and England, recognised as being world-class, simply couldn't be left out of the line-up. Ray has a first-class pair of hands, razor-sharp reflexes, excellent anticipation and the confidence that goes with knowing he is the best. For years, forwards have been trying to find out if he has a weakness — he hasn't.

Our right-back, Tommy Smith, is still doing his stuff these days, for Swansea — but there was a time when it looked as though he would go on for ever at Liverpool. Even when he was left out of the side, and appeared to be written off, Tommy would bounce back.

He told SHOOT: "I never would acknowledge I wasn't good enough to be in the first team. If I happened to be dropped, it only

TEAM

made me more determined than ever to regain my place, and although I was frequently described as a veteran in my latter days at Anfield I felt as fit as ever."

Smith's strength in the tackle was well-known throughout the game, yet he was much more than a defender who scared opposing forwards. Tommy was a skilled footballer, accurate in his distribution, adroit with his flicks, and a powerful striker of the ball. And when the pressure was on, he never wilted.

In the middle of the back-four, the two centre-backs, Emlyn Hughes and Ron Yeats, have barred the way down the middle to countless strikers. Emlyn, a Liverpool and England captain, has led his club to more triumphs than any other player in Anfield history, is long-serving and loyal, and one of his secrets is his genuine love of the game.

Hughes summed it up this way: "I intend to keep on playing as long as I possibly can. If this means I'll be stepping down into a lower Division, it won't worry me as long as I'm getting a game."

Emlyn's enthusiasm has made him a particular favourite of The Kopites, who had their own special saying whenever he moved into a tackle: "Bury him, Emlyn!"

Alongside Hughes, the massive form of Yeats is one that overshadowed most centre-forwards and inspired his colleagues — even Shankly was almost lost for words in an effort to describe him.

Bill told SHOOT: "Ron was one of my two best buys — the other was Ian St. John. The big fellow was like a house, the sort you could build a team around."

Making up our back-four is one whose selection may arouse the comment — "Whose he?" But if younger Liverpool supporters may be forgiven for not having heard of Ray Lambert, their fathers will be more than willing to supply the necessary details.

Ray, a Welsh international, shared the left-back berth with Barney Ramsden before Barney moved on, and Lambert came into his own. Quick in the tackle and with good anticipation, the strength of Lambert made him an important figure in defence and one of the best full-backs in the First Division.

In front of the back-four we

a fixture in the side as a midfield man, and one whose attacking qualities made him indispensable to Liverpool. He was an utterly unselfish player who never stopped buzzing right through the 90 minutes, and with his experience as a right-winger, we would use him on that side of midfield.

And for the centre of midfield, the choice could only be — Kevin Keegan. He was signed by Bill Shankly from Scunthorpe for £35,000 in 1971, and Kevin's inclusion in the side set Liverpool off on the glory trail once again.

"He was just what we needed," declared Shankly. And how right



Champagne for the Champions as The Reds celebrate their clinching of the 1976 League title.



Liverpool hold aloft the F.A. Cup after beating Leeds in 1965.

would need midfield men who could help in defence, break up attacks, and set their own front-runners in motion. The midfield players would have to be constructive, skilful, and also able to score goals, and bearing all this in mind, the three men we chose were Callaghan, Keegan and St. John.

After a record-breaking run for Liverpool, Ian Callaghan is another ex-Red now with Swansea, and if ever a man was built for endurance it was the small, compact, non-stop Ian. When Liverpool beat Leeds at Wembley in 1965, Callaghan was on the right-flank, with the brilliant Peter Thompson on the left, with Ian occupying the more deep-lying role of the two.

In later years, Callaghan became

he was!

Liverpool became First Division Champions yet again in 1973 and F.A. Cup winners in 1974, defeating Newcastle convincingly, with Tommy Smith at right-back to the exclusion of Chris Lawler and Phil Thompson replacing Larry Lloyd at centre-half. Then manager Shankly created a sensation by retiring at the height of his fame, his final act being to sign Ray Kennedy from Arsenal for £200,000.

The new Anfield boss, Bob Paisley, faced with the seemingly impossible task of filling Shankly's shoes, carried on winning trophies for The Reds. Paisley steered Liverpool to their first European Cup win, with the mercurial Kevin Keegan playing a leading part in

this triumph — and it is Keegan who would direct operations in midfield.

His style, his football brain, his bravery are too well known in soccer circles to require further description here. He would fit in perfectly with Callaghan on his right, and former Anfield idol on his left — Ian St. John.

St. John was adaptable. A goalscorer himself, there was nobody better at supplying the through-ball that split defences wide open, and his perfect control when running with the ball made him a difficult player to dispossess.

With a midfield of Callaghan, Keegan and St. John behind them, even a mediocre attack could look good. But the three men we have up-front could turn any defence inside-out on their own — Kenny Dalglish, Roger Hunt and Billy Liddell.

Dalglish, of course, is the current star performer at Anfield, the man whom Bob Paisley bought to take over from Keegan, following Kevin's departure to Hamburger S.V. And whenever there is discussion involving the rival merits of Dalglish and Keegan, with argument about who is the better player, it's worth listening to the view of someone best qualified — manager Paisley.

Says Bob: "I would like nothing better than to have both of them playing in the Liverpool team. With two men like those appearing in the same side, a manager couldn't go wrong."

Dissent

No Anfield supporter would squabble with Paisley's judgment — and the inclusion of Hunt and Liddell in a best-ever Liverpool forward-line is also not likely to cause any dissent on The Kop.

Hunt's strength, persistence and goal-getting ability served Liverpool and England well, and Roger had the ideal temperament — he kept cool in tight situations, and was a real leader of the attack. Dalglish and Hunt would play superbly off each other, with Liddell adding pace and power on the left.

Summing up, then, this would be SHOOT's best Liverpool team, operating in 4-3-3 formation: Clemence; Smith, Hughes, Yeats, Lambert; Callaghan, Keegan, St. John; Dalglish, Hunt, Liddell.

It's a side that won't please everybody — and we're still wondering why there isn't room in it Thompson and Steve Heighway.

And it was interesting to see the comments of Bob Paisley himself concerning a best-ever Liverpool side. Bob told us he would have at right-back, Bill Jones, who was a tall, thoughtful defender who often appeared in the same Liverpool team as Bob Paisley in the late 1940's and early 1950's. Also, at centre-back, manager Paisley selects Tommy Smith, alongside Ron Yeats, and Emlyn Hughes at left-back.

For consideration in midfield and up-front, Bob suggests the names of ex-captain Phil Taylor, and star of the Forties Albert Stubbins.

And as a man who has been at Anfield for almost 40 years, Bob Paisley must speak with unrivalled authority!

'The Midlands will

WHILE Liverpool and Everton are obviously the favourites to win the Championship, I still feel come next Spring Nottingham Forest and West Brom will be flying the Midlands flag when the title is being decided.

And even though Aston Villa lost ground when we had an injury crisis, we could yet have a say in things now our manager has an almost fully fit squad to choose from.

Forest started the season a little slowly, but they've since moved into third, if not top, gear and only a fool would dismiss their chances of retaining their title.

Brian Clough's men must also be favourites to win the European Cup after their excellent results against Liverpool and AEK Athens.

If I have a reservation about Forest in Europe, it is that if the going really gets hot, the inexperience of their players, especially in away legs, may let them down.

Having said that, they've proved every doubter wrong so far, and if they can beat Liverpool, a feat the top Continental clubs have failed to achieve . . . who CAN stop them?

I'd also like to say how pleased I was to see Rangers knock out PSV. I used to be a Rangers fan and their defeats of mighty Juventus and PSV are a tremendous boost for the club.

Strength

I have a hunch West Brom will still be up there pushing the Merseyside pair come the end of the season. Albion are a very difficult side to beat — I'd say that was their strength . . . simply it's hard to take two points, or any points, off them.

Johnny Giles started the good work at The Hawthorns and this has been carried on by Ronnie Allen and now Ron Atkinson.

It's almost impossible to pinpoint a weakness in West Brom. They're strong at the back, where John Wile and Alistair Robertson have improved as much as any central defenders in the past three years.

In midfield, "Bomber" Brown has a goal record any player would be proud of, while up-front Cyrille Regis has given Albion flair . . . the ability to do the unexpected.

Coventry City are having another good season, although they still concede too many goals to win the Championship.

I like Coventry. They're an attacking side, not afraid to go forward. Naturally, they play at the expense of their defence and no one should be surprised to see The Sky Blues involved in a 4-3 or 3-2 — or even 7-1! — scoreline.

If Ian Wallace and Mick Ferguson can find last season's sparkle in attack, an honour may be on its way to Highfield Road. They're as good

ANDY GRAY
Writes for you

"Forest skipper John McGovern (dark shirt) tussles with Coventry's Barry Powell."

"Victory! Villa have beaten Birmingham 1-0 thanks to my goal."

challenge Merseyside

a pair of strikers as you'll see anywhere.

Coventry attack from the back, and left-back Bobby McDonald is often seen around the opponents' penalty-area. In my view, it's only a matter of time before Bobby is called into the Scotland squad, he's a very good player.

Tommy Hutchison and Steve Hunt give Coventry width, although they get back quickly to do their share of defending.

Considering City were very nearly relegated a couple of seasons ago, they've done exceptionally well. The directors were loyal to Gordon Milne and he's repaid their faith with a winning team. A lesson for other clubs, perhaps, not to panic when things go wrong.

Sadly, two Midlands sides look destined for a long winter struggle against relegation. I refer, of course, to our neighbours Birmingham City and Wolves.

Already there is a gap building up near the foot of the table, so both teams must quickly get to grips with the situation.

Blues have been without strikers Trevor Francis and Keith Bertschin for most of the season. While this has hit them, other clubs — notably ourselves! — have had as bad or

worse injury problems. And strikers don't stop goals going in at the other end!

Birmingham don't have much strength in depth and every First Division club must be able to cover in the event of injuries.

Alberto Tarantini has arrived to bolster their defence, but it's unreasonable to think he'll settle in straight away. I don't doubt his skill for one minute. It's just England is a different world from Argentina and fans must give him time to adapt to the demands of our League.

Should Blues sell Trevor Francis? That's an argument you could talk about all day . . . and I can see both sides.

It's always a big decision for a club to sell its star player — something Birmingham did with Bob Latchford not too long ago.

They survived that and could possibly benefit from selling Trevor, a player I have the highest regard for.

Sometimes, a player can become almost bigger than the club and that's a bad thing. There comes a time, however, when the club has to look at the team and Blues may do that.

No doubt they'd struggle initially without Trevor, but with the money

they'd get they could rebuild.

I'm not surprised Wolves are struggling. They haven't really got to grips since coming back to Division One and I believe this is because they didn't change their team.

It was virtually the same side that went down that came up again so quickly, and I reckon every relegated club must go through a transitional period of change.

The absence of John Richards won't help them. John has been unlucky in some ways to play for Wolves . . . with a more successful team he would surely have won more than just one England cap. When fit, John is as sharp as any striker around. Maybe new boss John Barnwell can keep them up.

Happy Christmas . . . and Hogmanay!

Andy Neal



"West Brom's Tony Brown just keeps on scoring."

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Missed penalties

Who's missed the most penalties in a single match?

DAVID HUGHES,
CHORLEY

● World wide, I just wouldn't know, David — but I can tell you that unbecome record for the Football League is jointly held by Manchester City and Burnley.

In a First Division game against Newcastle on 27th January, 1912, City missed three penalties — the first two taken by Fletcher, and the other by Thornley.

And in the Second Division, on 13th February, 1909, Burnley similarly missed-up three — though they did score from a fourth — against Grimsby.

Hat-tricks

Has anyone ever scored a hat-trick in successive Football League games?

ANTHONY HEWLETT,
BIRMINGHAM

● Former West Bromwich and England striker Jeff Astle went one better than that, Anthony — he got a hat-trick of hat-tricks in the First Division in September, 1965.

First was in a 4-2 home win over Sheffield Wednesday — and this followed by a midweek 3-2 win at Everton, and then a 4-3 win at Northampton.

Capped Bees

As a loyal Brentford fan, I'd like to know how many of their players have played in full internationals while on the club's books?

BOBBY WHITEHEAD,
STOW-on-the-WOLD

● The Bees' most-capped player, Bobby, is right-winger Idris ("Dia") Hopkins. All his dozen caps for Wales just before the last War were gained while with the club.

Contemporary team-mates of Hopkins who also played for their country — remember, Brentford were a First Division club then — were Billy Scott and Leslie Smith for England; Dave McCulloch, Duncan McKenzie, and Bobby Reid for Scotland; and Les Boulter and Dia Richards for Wales.

Just after the War, there was Archie Macaulay (Scotland); Jimmy D'Arcy (Northern Ireland); and Billy Gorman (Eire).

And way back in 1903 — long before Brentford became a Football League club — a player named Connor played for Ireland.

Walthamstow humble Man. Utd.

My Dad is always telling me about the time our local team, Walthamstow Avenue, once drew with Manchester United! Is he having me on?

GLENN RODHOUSE,
CHINGFORD

● Shame on you, Glenn — Dads just don't do that sort of thing!

It was in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup on 31st January, 1953 when the Isthmian League amateurs shocked the soccer world by coming back from Old Trafford with a 1-1 draw against the famous "Busby Babes".

Unfortunately for Avenue, though, United made no mistake by 5-2 in the replay.

Lowest points

What is the lowest number of points with which a team has ever won the Football League Championship?

MARTIN HAINES,
WIGAN

● Since the competition reached its present size of 42 matches in 1919, Martin, the lowest total of points gained by Champions is 52.

Three clubs have won the title with 52 points — Sheffield Wednesday in 1928-29; Arsenal in 1937-38; and Chelsea in 1954-55.

When Arsenal won, they had only 16 points more than the two relegated clubs — Manchester City and West Bromwich, who each had 36.

SHORT PASSES

● The world's first official soccer international was a 0-0 draw between Scotland and England in Glasgow on 30th November, 1872.

(ALI ADILI, Iraq)

● England's first international at Wembley was a 1-1 draw with Scotland on 12th April, 1924.

(IAN MACKIE, Gloucester)

● Arsenal's scorers in their 2-1 win over Liverpool in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final were Eddie Kelly and Charlie George.

(CHRIS PATTERSON, Matlock)

● Frank Worthington has played in eight full internationals for England, scoring two goals.

(LYNNE SHARPLES, Bolton)

● It was on 29th June, 1950, the U.S.A. beat England 1-0 in that historic World Cup-tie in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

(KENT MNADOZIE, Nigeria)

● Holland and Robson scored West Ham's goals in their 4-2 defeat by Anderlecht in the 1976 Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

(DAN O'CALLAGHAN, C. Cork)

● Luton Town were formed in 1885; turned professional in 1890; and were first elected to the Football League in 1897.

(EATON BRAY, Dunstable)

The tough task facing JOHN BARNWELL

—new manager at Wolves



WHEN John Barnwell turned his back on a big-money job with United States club Philadelphia Fury to manage troubled, struggling Wolves, he did so on one very specific understanding.

The Wolves board were still enthusing about Barnwell's forthright manner and confident approach when he hit straight for the heart of his sole, nagging worry.

"I demanded one promise," says Barnwell: "no player would have to be sold to pay for the huge rebuilding of Molineux now under way."

Certain Barnwell was their man, Wolves agreed, leaving the 38-year-old former Peterborough United manager to shape his, and

Wolves', futures.

He adds: "I need to be in charge of my own destiny. If I sell players, it will be because I want to, not because I have to."

There are those who still believe Barnwell would have been better off in the States, earning more money and working under less pressure. All the same, Molineux is no place for the faint-hearted — a ground where the fans are quick to howl their discontent if things are not going well and where history is thrown in a manager's face every time he pops it out of his office door.

But the former Arsenal and Nottingham Forest midfield stylist relishes the challenge. Why? Because he believes Wolves are still a great club, albeit one that has slipped dramatically in the past few years.

"Wolves need a new image," says Barnwell, "and a new era. The fans are used to success. That is why they are not satisfied. I promise them I will help to guide Wolves back to the top. But I will not, cannot, promise when. We

must first ensure we remain in the First Division."

After six years as coach and later manager of Peterborough, Barnwell has wasted no time in establishing his mark at Molineux.

It took him only a few days to appoint his number two, former Derby County player Richie Barker, whose position as manager of Shrewsbury made him one of Barnwell's Third Division rivals a matter of weeks ago.

Between them they are already decided on their path to fame. Says Barnwell: "If we have to play it a bit tighter than our natural instincts dictate to get out of trouble then that is what we will do. Once we have established Wolves as a team with a First Division future after this season, we can concentrate on providing the type of football Richie and I believe in and the fans want to see."

Barnwell's career was not one dotted with honours. His undoubted skills did wonders for an Arsenal team very much in the throes of transition. Had he been

around at his peak five years later he might have also figured in an England scene which cried out for his experience and flair.

International honours were restricted to one Under-23 cap, against West Germany in 1961, and although he moved to Nottingham Forest and wound down his playing career with Sheffield United, Barnwell's playing ambitions were not achieved.

So that makes him a hungry manager, a man whose straight-talking and fairness auger well for wavering Wolves.

As Molineux settles down after yet another managerial change (Stan Cullis, Andy Beattie, Ronnie Allen, Bill McGarry and Sammy Chung have all gone since 1964) the builders continue their work on the first stage — a £2,000,000 stage — of the club's massive development... and Barnwell is delighted.

He says: "It all adds up to excitement and change. What has to go with it is a successful team. You cannot have one without the other."

and BILL HAILS

—his successor at Peterborough

BILL Hails cannot get used to the fact his first task as Peterborough manager is to make sure they stay in the Third Division.

Hails, a quietly-spoken 43-year-old Geordie, has taken over from John Barnwell and finds himself in a situation to which he is totally unaccustomed. Because the whole of Hails' career has been spent winning promotion of one sort or another, and the current situation at London Road demands a very different approach.

"It is going to be a tough battle between now and the end of the season," says Hails. "We have a small professional squad and people forget when I lose a player through injury, I often have to select somebody in a position he is not used to."

"With Jack Carmichael and Alan Slough injured, I must keep my fingers crossed we do not get any more before these lads are fit. We have a lot of hard work to do if we are to stay up. It is pointless adopting any other attitude."

"There is no point in daydreaming. I have been involved in teams at the other end of the ladder all

my life. So I know how to compare the situations and assess what has to be done in terms of building up confidence, facing realities and working for what we want."

Hails appointment was almost buried under the headlines surrounding Barnwell's move to Molineux, but Peterborough folk know him of old... and they like what they know.

As a speedy right-winger, Hails began his career with Posh when they were Midland League Champions five seasons on the trot. "We had one hell of a team then," recalls Hails, "and we were always knocking on the League's door."

The League answered in 1960 when Peterborough were elected to the Fourth Division. With Hails on their right-wing, Posh went on the rampage and swept to the Fourth Division Championship at the first attempt.

He says: "The next season we finished well up the Third Division table. I joined Northampton Town in 1962 and we promptly stormed away with the Third Division title! So with two Divisional Championship medals, from different clubs,

in my pocket I joined Luton Town."

But things turned sour at Luton where Hails injured an ankle, played only a dozen or so matches and moved out of League soccer to become assistant-manager and right-winger for Southern League Nuneaton Borough.

"I enjoyed my spell with Borough and in my second season with them we finished Premier Division runners-up, just missing the title. That would have been a unique hat-trick of title-medals."

He moved on to become player-manager of Rugby Town... and within 12 months led them to the Southern League First Division Championship.

Hails returned to Peterborough 11 years ago and took up the job of reserve-team coach. He worked steadily and quietly, using his experience to bring the best out of blossoming youngsters and fading stars.

So when Barnwell departed for the First Division, leaving Peterborough fretting away at the wrong end of the Third, many people expected a new name and new face to take over. But the



Posh board decided to put their trust in a man who has always put his trust in Peterborough and who played so vital a part in their entry into the League.

"In all, I have spent more than 18 years at London Road and seen the club progress from non-League hopefuls to a fine Third Division club with a proud F.A. Cup tradition and ambitions to play in Division Two."

"Things have been hectic since I took over as manager. But I have been in this game long enough not to be worried at this stage. We all know what we have to do — work very hard and climb the table. Then and only then may we begin to think and talk in terms of getting out of this Division at the other end."

And for Bill Hails, that task would be an all-too familiar one.

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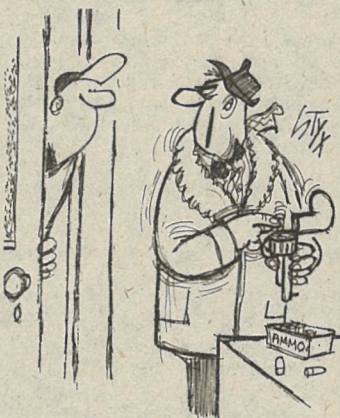
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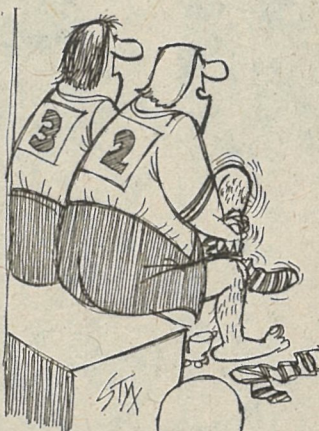
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"Tell the lads to come in one by one and get their Christmas present"



"I know it's the festive season, but would you mind asking the iron men of our granite-like defence to put a little more effort into their training"



"Have you heard — our supporters' club are putting on Peter Pan this Xmas and they want me to play Tinkerbell"



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

After miss-kicking a free-kick a player handles the ball before it has been touched by another player. What should you award?



2

At a corner-kick a player kicks the ball from outside the corner quadrant. Should you ... (a) award a free-kick to the defending side, (b) take no action or, (c) have the kick retaken?



3

When holding the ball, a goalkeeper pushes a challenging opponent with it. You award an indirect free-kick. Are you right?



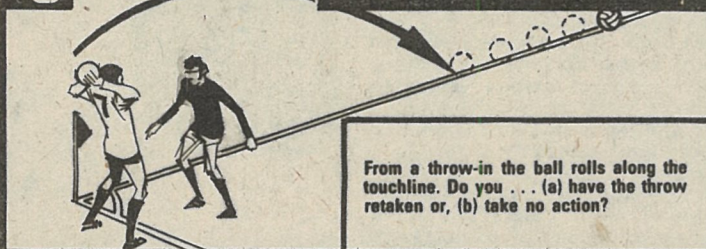
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Instead of jumping up for the ball a defender in his own penalty-area jumps at an opponent. Is this ... (a) a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick or, (c) drop ball?



5

From a throw-in the ball rolls along the touchline. Do you ... (a) have the throw retaken or, (b) take no action?



ANSWERS

1. A direct free-kick. 2. Retake the corner-kick (c). 3. No. A penalty-kick should be awarded. In my opinion we give far too much time to goalkeepers when they have the ball and I feel if an attacking player stands in front of the keeper, then he should throw the ball out. 4. Penalty (a). 5. Take no action (b).

TALKS BIG MATCH CROSSTALKS BIG MATCH

MANCHESTER CITY v NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Saturday, December 23rd



'It would be nice to get a result against you for a change'

BRIAN KIDD, City



'We forgot about our run. We've been too busy collecting points'

JOHN MCGOVERN, Forest

KIDD: Hello, John. Nice to see you again — and it would be even nicer to get a result against you for a change. I scored at your place twice last season, in the League and F.A. Cup but you won both matches. And you drew 0-0 at Maine Road in the League.

MCGOVERN: That's right, Brian. I'm rather surprised Manchester City aren't doing better this season, because I think you're a strong side. As a midfielder player, I'll be looking out particularly for Asa Hartford and Gary Owen. I think Owen's a great little player.

KIDD: They've both been playing well this season, but then so has big Dave Watson at the heart of the defence. Mike Channon has done exceptionally well, too, but he's been hit by a few injuries this term. By the way, congratulations on setting that fabulous unbeaten record. I really wouldn't have thought it possible for any team to go so long without losing.

MCGOVERN: I doubt if it will be repeated in our lifetimes, either. We really weren't aware we were approaching the record until a Press man came in before one of the games and mentioned it to our trainer Jimmy Gordon. We haven't let it bother us. We're too busy trying to collect points.

KIDD: I've always admired the way you work tremendously well as a unit, but there are naturally, individuals you look out for, too. Garry Birtles seems to have done well alongside Tony Woodcock and John Robertson, and Peter Shilton

more to do. We defended so well last term that at times, nothing was getting through to him. But you've got a pretty useful 'keeper yourself in Joe Corrigan.

KIDD: He's been tremendous in all the three years I've been at the club. It's a pity he should be around at the same time as people like Peter and Ray Clemence. But then England have always had two or three outstanding goalkeepers to call upon.

MCGOVERN: When I was at Derby, I remember Joe going through a bad spell at Maine Road. But he's shown tremendous dedication to not only win back his place but to perform so well. I shouldn't think anyone has put more into his game and it is a pity he hasn't more to show for it at international level.

KIDD: Although I don't want to make excuses for our disappointing League form this season, we've had a fair old crop of injuries. I was out myself earlier with a broken foot. But the lad I really feel sorry for is Kenny Clements, who was playing brilliantly before he broke a leg against Ipswich.

MCGOVERN: One of our full-backs, Colin Barrett, a former City player, of course, was also doing well until cut down by injury. He doesn't get mentioned as much as some of the better known lads, but up until his injury, I thought he was our most consistent player.

KIDD: We've found some of our best form in European matches this season, but I can't say we were concentrating on that. It

would be very unprofessional to set your sights on one thing. You're involved in everything, again, at Forest. Do you find that a lot of pressure?

MCGOVERN: Not at all. Cup games are a pleasant diversion for us from the League, which is our main concern. I don't find there's any pressure in Cup games — not even the European Cup — and playing twice a week suits us fine. I know some of the other lads disagree with me, but I'd rather win the First Division Championship this season, than any other trophy we're involved in. I know we won it last term, but I think it's far more difficult to win it again the following year, especially as teams have been trying harder to beat us because of the record.

KIDD: I'm sure that has put extra pressure on you, but we'd be just as keen to beat you if you'd lost 40-odd consecutive games. Do you think Liverpool will be your main title rivals especially after ending your fine run on December 9th?

MCGOVERN: The way they started off made it very hard for everyone else from the outset. But I think it's a four-horse race — them, Everton, West Brom and us. No one else.

KIDD: Well, I don't know whether I'll be facing you in midfield on Saturday or whether I'll be up-front. I've been changing about this season to fill in for the injured lads. But either way, I'm looking forward to a great game.

MCGOVERN: I'm sure we will give you that, Brian. And don't expect any early Christmas gifts!

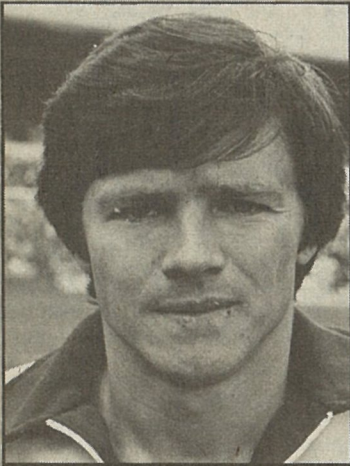
Dave Watson goes close for Manchester City during their 0-0 draw with Forest at Maine Road last season.



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TOTTENHAM v ARSENAL

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*'There's no derby
in London like
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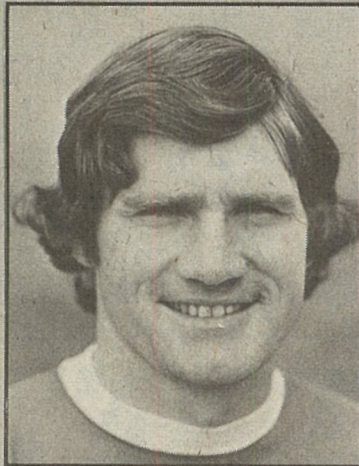
STEVE PERRYMAN
(Spurs)

RICE: Hello, Steve, it's great to be playing Tottenham again — and I really mean that. As you know, I used to be a Spurs-hater. I wasn't sorry to see you go down a couple of years ago. In fact, I wouldn't have been sorry to see you end up in the Fourth. But I really missed not playing you last season. And I realise now the First Division wouldn't be the same without Spurs, or our North London derbies.

PERRYMAN: Such touching words, Pat, especially from you. We all know how you've felt about us in the past. But like me, you've been brought up at your club, so the rivalry is in-bred to an extent. We missed our annual battles with you, too, last season. We had plenty of London derbies, against people like Palace and Fulham. But there's no derby in London like Arsenal v. Spurs.

RICE: Yes, it's a great attraction for the fans and players. I don't care what anyone says, there is an atmosphere between players in our matches. The North London derby is like Everton against Liverpool, or United against City in Manchester. We won 5-3, I think it was, in John Pratt's testimonial match, but you beat us 3-1 in mine. That was a bit of a cheek, but I don't think those sort of games are relevant to League form.

PERRYMAN: You can never predict what will happen in our games. The only thing you can be certain of is there won't be much space.



*'It's a great
attraction for the
fans and players'*

PAT RICE
(Arsenal)

Everyone will be rushing around and doing more than usual. We're at home which we ought to make the most of. But even the venue isn't significant when our clubs clash.

RICE: I don't think it matters whether you're home or away. You're going to go all out to win. And one thing that's nice these days is the matches don't seem to be as physical as they used to be. It will be interesting to see what your Argentinian lads, particularly Ardiles make of it. They've looked very impressive from what I've seen. So has all your side.

PERRYMAN: We didn't get off to a good start but we really didn't expect to struggle this term. A lot of hope came to this club with Ardiles, Villa and Lacy and now we're beginning to play. Naturally, we would like to peak this Saturday — the game's been in our mind a long time.

RICE: There seems to be a great emphasis on attack in the Spurs side. Of course, you're in midfield again this season aren't you Steve, after a spell in the back-four?

PERRYMAN: That's right, but personally I'd rather be at the back. It's definitely easier there. You've been playing there long enough to know that, Pat. But we needed to reshape the midfield. We started the season with a skill-conscious midfield in Glenn Hoddle, Neil McNab and Ardiles and it couldn't



quite cope with the First Division. Now, I hope we haven't gone too much the other way, but it's up to the manager to see we have the right balance.

RICE: Your old player Willie Young is doing well for us this season. And so is our other ex-Tottenham man, Pat Jennings. The young lad, Steve Gattling, has impressed me a lot, too, with his play and his attitude. And I needn't remind you about the skills of Liam Brady.

PERRYMAN: Brady is obviously a key figure in your side but from what I've seen of your team, it seems to be built on defensive solidarity. I'm not trying to suggest you are negative, just you strike me as the sort of team who won't give many goals away. Peter Taylor is having his best season since he joined us, providing a lot of service, and John Pratt has scored some vital goals to add to his midfield contribution.

RICE: Talking about styles of play, don't you think there is a new mood of attacking football these days? To my mind, it all stems back to the time when Tommy Docherty used Steve Coppell and

Spurs (white shirts) under pressure in a League game v. Arsenal in December, 1976.

Gordon Hill on the wings for Manchester United. Now everybody comes out and attacks you. A lot of people have had a go at Docherty but I think football has much to be grateful to him for.

PERRYMAN: Although I'm happy with our progress this season, I don't think we're ready yet to challenge the top sides. So our main aim will have to be a place in Europe. That also adds fuel to this game, because Arsenal are one of the sides we have to finish above.

RICE: I'm looking forward to the game tremendously. Forgive me if I treat you like my worst enemy on the field — I hate everyone in a Tottenham shirt for the 90 minutes of the game — but I'm sure it won't stop us getting together for a drink afterwards.

PERRYMAN: There's always a little more fire in us on Derby Day, too. And certainly I'll buy you a consolation pint afterwards. Pat.

IN football you learn not to count trophies until they are won. A few weeks ago the bookies quoted Liverpool at odds-on to win the Championship, but no one at Anfield is daft enough to believe we are destined to become the next owners of the trophy that now resides at Nottingham Forest's City Ground.

Right, so we had a dream start to the season, only dropping one point in eleven games, and got four points clear of our nearest challengers, Everton.

But a couple of bad results on the trot could see us back amongst the rest of the front-runners. Unlike a Cup competition, where seven wins can secure the silverware, the Championship demands a tremendously-high level of consistency over 42 games spread from August to April, and is like a Grand National.

So many times in the past a team has looked to have the title in their



'WE'RE NOT YET CHAMPIONS...'

pockets, having established an apparently unassailable lead, only to strike disaster and end up with nothing but egg on their faces.

In SHOOT's Spotlight on Southampton the writer gave an instance in which Saints were eight points ahead, before striking a nightmare patch when they dropped points all over the place and finally finished third in the table.

In the early Seventies, Leeds experienced several seasons in which they failed in the final stage to take the most valued prize in our football.

Because winning the Championship, as I've said before, stamps a side as the best in the country.

Liverpool have also experienced being pipped at the post, notably in season 1971-72, when we were chasing Leeds. They had knocked us out of the F.A. Cup in the Fourth Round, in a replayed tie at Elland Road. We had only drawn 0-0 at Anfield, and lost 2-0 in the return.

Both ties were played in the afternoon, as there was a ban on the use of floodlights due to a power dispute.

After the k.o., we made a big effort to catch Leeds. Their involvement in the Cup, which they went on to win, helped us to some extent, and we arrived at a situation in which the Championship was to be decided on the result of our last games.

If Leeds beat Wolves at Molineux, they would be Champions: if they didn't, and we beat Arsenal at Highbury, the title was ours.

What happened is remarkable history. We drew 0-0, Leeds lost, and Derby County, then managed by Brian Clough, received the news

RAY CLEMENCE
talking soccer

they were Champions while sunning themselves on the beach in Majorca.

Amazingly enough, two seasons ago, Brian Clough's present side, Nottingham Forest, learnt they had won promotion to the First Division in the same circumstances.

So many factors can damage the chances of a side involved in the race for the Championship.

Injuries for instance. We at Liverpool have what we believe is our strongest squad for years, but there are certain key members we could not afford to lose at the same time. Such as Kenny Dalglish, Ray Kennedy and Graeme Souness.

So far we've been lucky with injuries, although Kenny has a troublesome shoulder. It didn't stop him from playing against Chelsea in October, "making" Dave Johnson's first goal and scoring the second in our 2-0 win.

Dave Johnson is an indication of our strength in depth, coming back

'Arsenal were lucky to beat us at Highbury this term'

into the team after an operation and making valuable contributions.

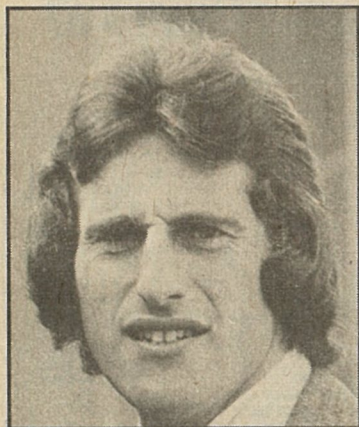
Having players out through suspension is another blow that can strike, although despite what some critics say, Liverpool are not a "dirty" side and seldom have players who accumulate enough points to be sidelined.

Our record in the Daily Mail Fairplay League is evidence we are not amongst the "bad boys".

The weather can play an important part. Not that Liverpool need certain conditions to enable us to operate well. What we dread are the



'In 1972, Derby learnt they had become title-winners while sunning themselves on a Spanish beach'



postponements which can disturb our rhythm, put us out of our stride.

Being out of Europe definitely enhances our Championship chances, allowing us to concentrate on earning our passport into the next European Cup competition.

European involvement is a way of life at Liverpool. It seems strange

not having to look forward to a serious, competitive game against top Continental opposition, with a trophy to aim at stake.

The club is geared to playing two games a week, one reason why we have embarked on a series of friendlies against foreign sides. It began with the match against the Saudi Arabian side in Jedda, which we drew 1-1.

The Saudis proved worthy opposition, having prepared themselves with some impressive results: a 1-0 win over Portuguese side Benfica and another, by 4-1, over Morocco.

It was my second experience of playing on Astroturf, artificial grass, and was very different from the first. This time the pitch was spongy, which gave the ball incredible "lift". Sometimes it would bounce ten feet, which made first-time trapping essential.

Some people are under the misapprehension that going such long distances for games can be tiring, but I assure them jet-travel is often far more restful than a train journey to play in London, for instance.

Games lined-up for the future include one against French side, Lille, in January.

Forest's involvement in the European Cup should work in our favour, as I have a feeling that winning the trophy is their first priority. Even more so if they find the points gap between us widening and hard to close.

The biggest threat to us from the Midlands seem to be West Bromwich Albion, an improved side from last year who, among their impressive results this term was a 7-1 thrashing of fellow challengers Coventry City.

Aston Villa could give us serious problems only if they recover from injuries enough to hit consistently good form with a settled side.

Apart from Everton, who have adopted Liverpool's style in the hope of emulating our success, Manchester City are Northern challengers. Already we have created a psychological advantage over City with a 4-1 win at Maine Road.

Arsenal are the only London club in with a chance — a faint one — of taking the title, but however attractive the odds, I wouldn't advise anyone to bet on them.

They were lucky to beat us 1-0 at Highbury, when a 0-0 draw would have been a fair result.

There are two crucial periods in our football — Christmas and Easter — when a side can turn from a near certainty to an outsider, and vice versa.

This Christmas, with luck, we could be presented with the points we need to establish the significant lead to demoralise the opposition.

Then we'll start thinking about a double of F.A. Cup and Championship, one of the few football feats we've yet to pull off!

Ray Clemence

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PREMIER DIVISION IN ENGLAND

I think the idea of a Premier Division in the English League is a good one. It would stimulate interest in the game and surely bring back the crowds.

I visualise, say, 15 teams, so they wouldn't play against each other four times as Scottish sides do. With 15 clubs, the fixture list would be reduced, which seems to be what players want.

The bottom seven teams from the First Division would be joined by the top 13 from the Second, and so on with a new Division formed by some non-League clubs.

The normal relegation/promotion system would operate as usual.

● It'd never work. Can you imagine the desperation if, for one season, seven First Division clubs knew they'd be relegated! Anyway, the Scottish Premier Division hasn't promoted attacking football.

How To Decide Euro Ties

A FEW weeks ago, I asked readers if they could think of a better way of deciding European ties other than by penalties. Here are three replies...

THE away side should win the tie, as they will have played 30 minutes' extra-time, which is obviously an advantage to the home team. If they can't win in two hours, the away club deserves to go through.

I. GRIFFITHS,
WEST BROMWICH.

THE tie should be decided on how many free-kicks and penalties are conceded in the two matches. This would encourage fair play.

JOHN DEVANEY,
BELFAST.

I feel the North American idea of a shootout is best. A player has five seconds from the 35-yard line to dribble and shoot, which needs far more skill than taking a penalty.

TOM SYMONDS,
MARYLAND.

Fans We Don't Want

IT IS not only the "physical" hooligans who are ruining our game. Not long ago a group of

Sheffield Wednesday fans came to Huddersfield to watch a Central League game. We could have done without them.

The home crowd were disgusted at the racial vulgarities thrown at a brilliant black youth in the Huddersfield team. These Wednesday yobs brought their own club into disrepute by their actions.

They should be deeply ashamed of themselves. Players such as Anderson, Regis and Cunningham (below) are truly needed in our soccer while such fans certainly aren't.

NICHOLAS BARALDSNES,
MELTHAM MILLS.

● In a few years, I think just about every club will have at least one black player and no doubt the thugs who are booing now will cheer them in the future when they wear their own colours. Such is the hypocrisy of the football hooligan.



No Goal!

I'VE been waiting for it to happen for a long time and, sure enough, it's happened now. I refer to the Wales/Turkey European Championship tie on T.V.

An action replay was being shown of a previous incident... and Wales scored the only goal of the game which was completely missed by the cameras!

PHILIP HALEY,
NEWPORT.

● Oh dear! I suppose they could have shown an action replay of the goal they missed...

Pen Pal

I'M an 11-year-old Swedish boy and I'd like to correspond with a boy who supports Arsenal.

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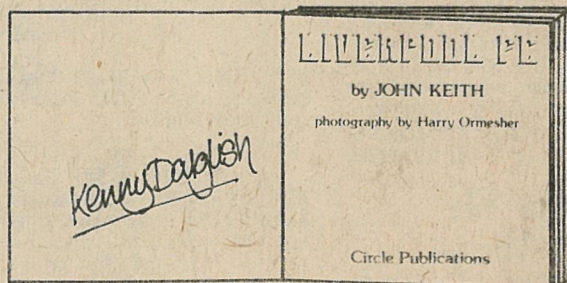
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SHOOT 8

MAX MARQUIS reports on the European Youth Tournament

England let down by poor preparation

THE 'Football Laboratory' is the name given by the organisers of the attractive European Youth Tournament at Monaco because amendments to the Laws of the Game are tried out there with U.E.F.A. approval. As this year's tournament progressed, however, England learned something very disquieting about the whole basis of youth coaching and the future of English football.

Ron Greenwood and F.A. Secretary Ted Croker were among the party staying at one of Monte Carlo's more stately hotels during the week of the eight-nation tournament. The acting team manager was John Cartwright of Crystal Palace, appointed at the last moment for this competition when the official Youth Team manager, Brian Clough felt unable to leave Nottingham Forest's affairs at what he considered to be a crucial moment for the club.

The absence of Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor emphasised the problem of Clough's involvement with the England Youth team. Already Ken Burton, who had coached the team for some time (he was at Monaco for England's last visit to the tournament in 1976), had resigned because of a difference with Clough.

Clough's absence from this tournament, then, could only sharpen speculation about his real commitment to the England Youth team.

The experiments with the Laws — including five-minute periods in a "sin bin" — were really irrelevant to the quality of the football and the lessons that came out of the tournament. England's group included Spain, Portugal and the obviously dangerous Yugoslavia. The other group consisted of France, Italy, Poland and Russia. In this group Italy started well and



Ron Greenwood and John Cartwright, the acting England Youth team manager.

The day after the Portugal match John Cartwright questioned each player individually about the training methods at his club, trying to work out a training schedule that would suit everyone. He also discussed the situation with Ron Greenwood. The England team manager was in Monaco only as an observer with no official position with the Youth team, but obviously ready to give Cartwright advice if asked, and to encourage the youngsters.

England's next game was with Yugoslavia, the strongest side in the group. The effect of Cartwright's brief work with the

with Yugoslavia was out of the question. Youngsters who had played only two 80-minute matches were quite exhausted... which raised questions about the training they did at their clubs. No other team in the tournament seemed so badly affected.

Astonishment

In the meantime, Ron Greenwood addressed a group of French and Italian youth coaches on their nine-months long residential course, at which I translated for him. 'Nine months?' both Greenwood and Cartwright said with a mixture of astonishment and envy. The intensity with which these student coaches were working at their course — some of them paying for it out of their own pocket — was frightening from an English point of view.

Yugoslavia unaccountably managed only a 1-0 win over Portugal, the weakest team in the group, and everything seemed set for England's qualification for the Final: 1-0 against Spain, which was all that was required, should have been well within their capabilities.

However, Spain scored first, in the 13th minute, and although England equalised nine minutes later from then on they struggled and barely deserved the 1-1 draw.

An England victory eventually was as unlikely as it would have been cruelly unjust to Yugoslavia, who eventually won the Final, 3-2, against France, the leader of the other group, after being 2-0 down. This quite marvellous match was on an entirely different plane from the England-Italy third-place play-off, which Italy won 2-1 although England scored first. Italy were faster, more enterprising, more supple and fitter than England.

John Cartwright had an explanation for this. He went round questioning the French and Italian youth coaches on their course in Monaco. They all said their players do at least an hour a day gymnasium work at their clubs. And they work harder.

It's worth repeating the England players did all they could. In fact the two goalkeepers, John Lukic (Leeds) and Steven Cherry (Derby), were the best 'keepers at the tournament.

But it was clear, agonisingly clear, the coaching of the England outfield players was markedly inferior to that of countries like Yugoslavia, France and Italy. The whole system and quality of youth coaching in England needs urgent re-examination and probably restructuring.

Until this is done, the quality of the players that will be coming through in a few years — despite their courage and commitment — must worry Ron Greenwood. On the evidence of Monaco, it's true talent is being coached out of our young players.



England players attack during their match against Yugoslavia, eventual winners of the tournament.

then fell back into their old, bad habits of becoming ultra-defensive, thus stifling their own talent, while France gained in strength and confidence throughout.

Non-professional observers were impressed by England's fairly comfortable 2-0 win over Portugal. However, in the English camp there were some heavily furrowed brows at what unfolded on the pitch.

The young players all did their utmost — with one notorious exception of a severe case of cerebral inflation, or swollen head. But despite the effort there was a conspicuous lack of imagination and invention in their play; and by comparison with the other countries' youths the Englishmen seemed stiff and slow.

team could be seen in their greater enterprise and tighter defence, and they deserved to be level, 1-1, at half-time. But the implications of the second-half were frankly depressing.

True, the temperature reached the 70's while bikini-clad girls sunbathed on a nearby beach, but England could scarcely raise a gallop throughout the second period. A draw in the circumstances was a good result for them.

It meant that to head their group and get into the Final, England, in their match with Spain, had only to equal Yugoslavia's result against Portugal in the preceding game. So England would play their last qualifying game knowing exactly what they had to do to become a Finalist.

Training the day after the draw



England limber up on a practice pitch before their third-place play-off against Italy.

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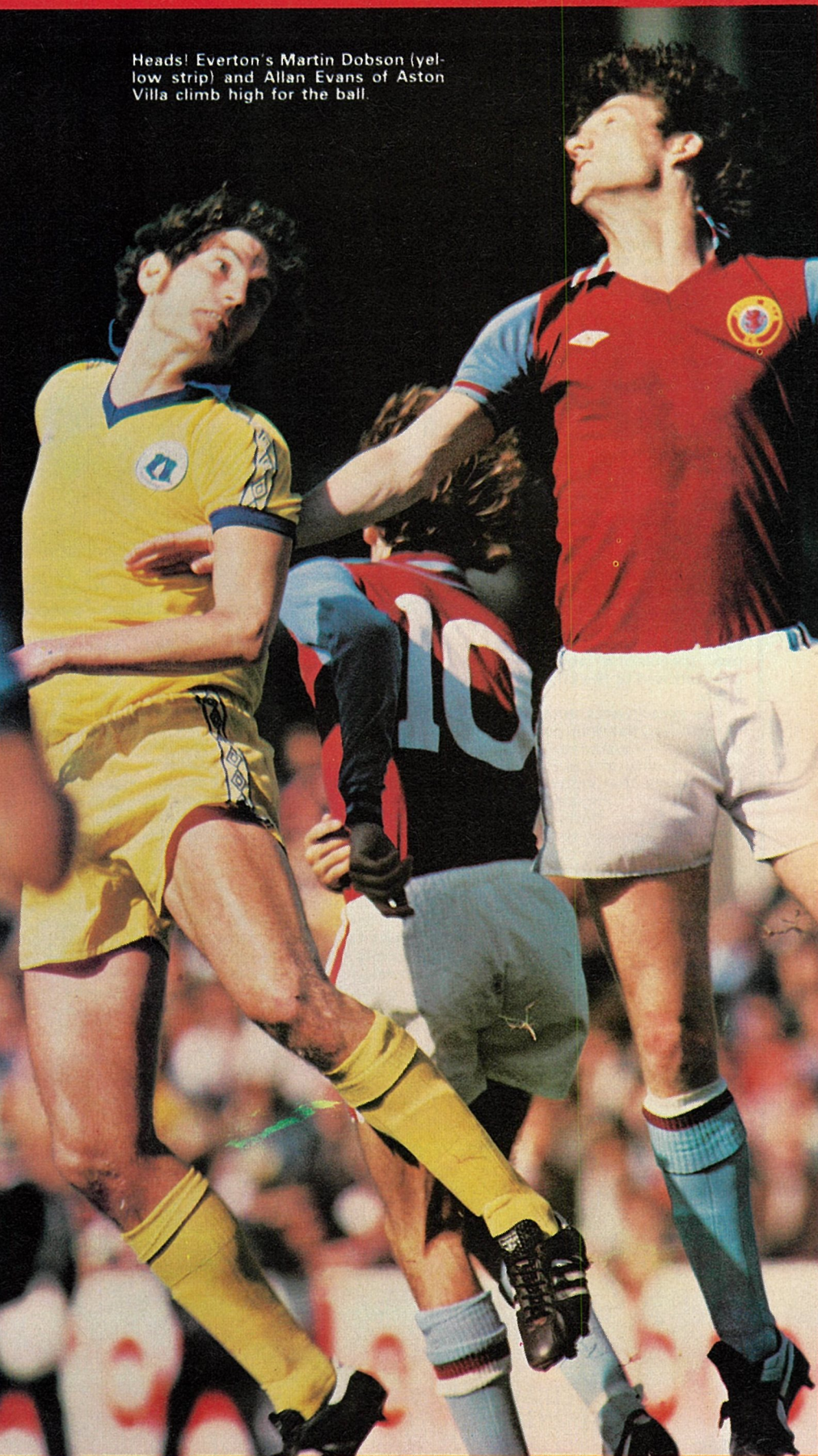
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Heads! Everton's Martin Dobson (yellow strip) and Allan Evans of Aston Villa climb high for the ball.



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Forest's Kenny Burns clears from Spurs' Gerry Armstrong (white shirt) as Colin Barrett runs in.



Ex-international rivals talk to SHOOT

Billy Bremner

glad to be back in the game

BILLY Bremner is the new manager of Doncaster Rovers. But in another couple of months he could have been lost to the game for ever.

It was Billy's wife Vicki who persuaded the little Scotsman, who is part of his country's folk lore, to apply for the job at Belle Vue.

"Honestly I'd enjoyed my six months out of the game so much I was contemplating going into business and forgetting about being a football manager once and for all.

"Since I finished playing with Hull at the end of last season I haven't missed the game at all.

"I went over to watch Barnsley on a few occasions and became their best supporter. It was good to see Allan Clarke making a fine job of his first managerial experience, but when I looked at all the worried faces of the other managers and coaches I began to won-

der if it was all worth it.

"The thought of going into business was just edging ahead of getting back into football when the Doncaster job came up. Vicki told me I'd kick myself in the future if I didn't give it a go and I realised she was right.

"In all my years at Leeds it was my eventual ambition to manage a League club, and here I was talking myself out of it — and yet another couple of months and I doubt whether I'd ever have bothered."

Billy believes his two years with Hull have helped him adjust from the glamour of life at the top with Leeds and Scotland to the grim challenge he now faces with Fourth Division Doncaster.

"Everybody has his own ideas on how a club should be run and I'll be taking my time assessing everything before I make any significant changes.

"I think Don Revie taught me more than anything — and this goes for Jack Charlton, Johnny Giles and Allan Clarke as well — is you have to get the club organised as a whole — not just the team.

"Sure the results are important and they're what we strive for all week, but people are important as well and it's the small things like remembering wives birthdays, the gateman's silver wedding and so on that make a club tick.

"Revie was a master at that and I hope I can be just as successful."

So far as his team is concerned Billy knows his first job is to restore the confidence of players

who haven't enjoyed much success recently.

"The game is all about confidence, and I can look at the table and say we can only go up. We're struggling near the re-election zone, so I have got to restore faith in my players."

Already Billy has been chatting to his pal Allan Clarke about life in the Fourth Division, and the first thing he has learned is in this Division there is no room for cheats.

"Everybody has to be straight and work for one another. The manager has to be honest and sincere with his players. They will sniff out anyone who is devious.

"Clarky is an experienced manager now after six months at Barnsley," laughs Billy, adding that the insecurity of the life of a manager doesn't worry him.

"As I said it was awful seeing managers getting attacks of migraine and fretting over every result, but honestly if it ever got to that stage with me I'd get out. Your health isn't worth sacrificing for the job, but then I've never really worried about pressures and Vicki is right. I have to give it a bash — and that's exactly what I intend to do. I've been a winner before and I'd like to be a winner again."

Billy Bremner is greeted by some of the Doncaster players on his first day at Belle Vue.



Bobby Moore

happy he's still out of football

IF Bobby Moore's days in football are over, Moore himself is not worried.

He's still looking for the right managerial job, which has eluded him since he hung up his boots 18 months ago — but he's beginning to think the offer may not come.

"The longer I am out of League football the more likely it is I will stay out," he admits.

But meanwhile he's happy. "For almost the first time in my life I can make my own decisions," he explains.

"All my life as a footballer I had to ask people permission for everything I wanted to do. Now I am my own man."

The ironies around Moore's position are remarkable. He was the soccer star with the Midas touch: captain of England at 22, capped a record 108 times, skipper of triumphant Wembley sides three years running — West Ham in the 1964 F.A. Cup and the 1965 Cup-Winners' Cup, and then England in the 1966 World Cup. When he left West Ham after nearly 650 appearances and moved to Fulham, he helped take them to the 1975 F.A. Cup Final — against The Hammers.

He quit playing in May, 1977 after exactly 1,000 senior matches, and announced his intention to become a manager. As arguably England's greatest ever captain it seemed only time before the right job offer came along. It still hasn't.

The closest Moore came was when Watford chairman Elton John persuaded him to take over at Vicarage Road — only to be voted down by his fellow directors

who gave the post to Graham Taylor.

As a young player Moore expressed his ambition to be soccer's first millionaire — to make so much money he wouldn't have to rely on football when he quit.

That's why the biggest irony is his business ventures are succeeding now.

"Soccer was a 24-hours-a-day job for me when I was playing," he says. "I had one or two attempts at different businesses — but was really associated with them in name only.

"As a player I just didn't have the time to take any fuller interest in them — and it's well known they weren't as successful as I would have hoped.

"Now for the first time I have got the opportunity of concentrating on my business ventures.

"I suppose it becomes less likely every day I will get a full-time manager's job — but I'm certainly not bitter."

Since retiring Moore has played abroad in Denmark, coached in Norway, and played in the North American Soccer League.

He's appeared in exhibition matches all over the world.

He's got the chance to go back to America next summer, and at any time has a pile of invitations to turn out in charity games.

"I like being able to pick and choose what I do and when," he says. "I can look at every offer on its merits, decide if it is something I would like to do, and either take it or turn it down. That sort of freedom is priceless."





BUCKLEY BOOSTS BIRMINGHAM

Nottingham Forest and made 16 Second Division appearances, scoring one goal, before they released him. Walsall stepped in, and by the time Buckley had made the long-dreamed-of step into the First Division, he had scored 148 goals for Walsall in five seasons.

Stirring Cup goals, such as his brace against Manchester United in a 1975 F.A. Cup replay, put Buckley into the headlines more than once. But perhaps his height — just short of 5ft 6ins — plus his career in the lower reaches of the League kept top managers from following their noses and buying him. Certainly, enough managers watched Buckley during those years. But Jim Smith decided to put money with his convictions.

Buckley, a non-smoking, non-drinking credit to his profession, was typically modest once the euphoria of that first match had faded.

He said: "Sure we are in trouble. When you are bottom of the League you are in trouble. But when I look at the players we have to come in, it is frightening. Birmingham were unlucky to lose against Coventry, yet we were without Trevor Francis, Keith Bertschin and Alberto Tarantini.

"I have to work to keep my place. I doubt if the size of the fee will mean anything to Mr. Smith once we have a fully-fit squad."

Rational

His thoughts on the First Division were equally direct and rational.

"I noticed play was going on around me at a tremendous pace. But then it is obvious First Division players have better brains, sharper instincts and more perceptive vision. It is up to me to adjust. I don't think it will take too long."

One man almost as happy about Buckley's arrival at St. Andrews is Republic of Ireland striker Don Givens who said: "I was delighted when Jim Smith phoned me in Dublin to tell me about Alan."

"It has been very difficult playing up-front on my own, particularly as I am not a target man. I prefer to play off the main striker. But Alan and I will vary that also."

The most telling moment of the afternoon came when Buckley finally emerged to face the Midland Press. And the look on his face when, one by one, the journalists told him he did not look at all out of place in First Division company, proved just how much such a factor would worry a player under the circumstances.

When Buckley accepted these were no false flatteries, he looked at his shoes and mumbled: "Thank you very much, that means a lot to me." Chances are it will mean considerably more to Birmingham City before the end of the season.

ALAN Buckley drew a deep breath, flexed his aching legs and relived the highlights of his First Division debut for Birmingham City.

"I waited for something to hit me, some sign I had arrived. But all I can remember is noticing when I looked up at the terraces during the pre-match kick-about, I could not see an empty space. Yet at Walsall you could sometimes count the spaces between the faces."

Buckley permitted himself the luxury of a smile because despite finishing on the wrong side of a 2-1 scoreline at Coventry City's Highfield Road, he had shown his particular brand of forward play will go down very well in the top flight.

He said: "I know people have said I would struggle to score goals in the First Division. And I accept players have come from the lower Divisions before, boasting great scoring records, and struggled in the League's highest section. But I felt fine out there, and that is what is delighting me."

"Only a remarkable piece of luck kept Coventry from going a goal down in the 16th minute. Jimmy Calderwood's free-kick was nodded down to me by Don Givens and my header was going in when it struck Les Sealey on the arm and flew out."

"The crowd hailed a remarkable reaction save, and let's face it, the lad did keep the ball out. But I doubt if he knew where that ball was before it struck him."

Buckley, a £175,000 signing by Birmingham manager Jim Smith, looked sharp, his passing was accurate and intelligent and his front-running kept Coventry's Mick Coop and Keith Osgood on their toes for 90 minutes.

What was even more noticeable was the immediate partnership Buckley struck up with the lean Don Givens, who strength in the air gives the duo a look of the Toshack-Keegan type of strike force.

Buckley's record makes impressive reading. The Mansfield-born striker began his career with



Alan Cork's popping in The Goals

A YOUNG striker who has made an impact this season is Wimbledon's Alan Cork — yet he could still have been struggling to make his name with Derby County in the First Division.

Alan is one of a growing band of youngsters who've decided they're better off having regular first team football in a lower Division rather than a place in a reserve team playing in front of a handful of spectators, just praying that their chance of fame will come.

Cork was one of a host of youngsters striving to make an impact at the Baseball Ground, but with players coming and going like the wind under Tommy Docherty's regime he couldn't really see a great future for himself there.

So along with two other Derby youngsters Steve Ketteridge and Francis Cowley he decided to throw in his lot with Wimbledon towards the end of last season.

Wimbledon manager Dario Gradi knew Cork from the days when he was No. 2 to Colin Murphy at Derby, and his confidence was quickly repaid when Alan popped up (just like a cork!) with five goals at Plough Lane before the end of the campaign.

This season, no doubt with confidence boosted by the start he'd made, Alan is spearheading Wimbledon's challenge at the top of the Fourth Division, and he's already registered the club's very first Football League hat-trick.

He certainly doesn't regret his move, and there are others who

are finding that dropping down the status ladder isn't always a bad thing.

Bradford City manager at the time, Bryan Edwards, decided to give a trial at the season's start to David Jackson, one of those scores of boys who find life at Old Trafford isn't so glamorous unless you're rubbing shoulders with Jordan, Macari and McQueen.

David hadn't been able to make the first team, but on his League debut with City at Portsmouth, he scored the only goal of the game. A dream start, and so well did he do in his next two or three games, Bradford decided to sign him even before the trial period was over.

Huddersfield Town are hoping that Francis McGrellis, who scored a hat-trick against their reserves for Coventry last season, will find moving to them just as beneficial, while another of those Busby Babes who never made the grade, centre-half David Bradley has moved to Doncaster.

Defender Jeremy Payne is already glad he left Leicester City for Torquay where he has experienced first team football — something he was unlikely to do at Filbert Street while Steve Whitworth is in such good form.

Trevor Thompson is finding life far more acceptable in Newport County colours than it was in those of West Bromwich Albion's Central League team, and it's a similar story for several boys who've decided that dreaming of what might be is no good when there's no job satisfaction.

Alan Cork (left) scores the vital goal against Gravesend that took Wimbledon into the Second Round of the F.A. Cup.



A DECADE or so ago centre-halves came out of the same mould.

They were around six-feet-three tall, built like Nelson's column with a head carved out of stone. And they would kick everything that moved.

All a centre-half of the past had to do was to head a ball out of the penalty-area with the power of a steam-hammer.

Mind you, they had to be strong and uncompromising to deal with the centre-forwards of the age.

Strikers then were often as big and tough as the men marking them.

With the disappearance of the bustling, up and at 'em number nines, the style of centre-half had to change.

As forwards became more skilful, and the midfielder was introduced, so stoppers had to adopt a more sophisticated approach to the game.

In the past all successful teams needed an orthodox centre-half. He's not so important now, although every side must have a defender in the back-four who is

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good in the air. That aspect of the game hasn't changed through the years.

Liverpool are a good example of a team winning honours without a recognised centre-half.

The last old-style stopper at Anfield was the mighty Ron Yeats. Forwards needed a bus to get around him . . . or so Bill Shankly used to say. Then there was Larry Lloyd, more versatile but still basically old-fashioned. He is now with Nottingham Forest, and well worth his place.

Today's number five, like all modern defenders, has to be something of an all-round athlete, with a shrewd tactical brain.

He has to be powerful in the air, and fast, mobile and reasonably skilful on the ground.

Obviously a centre-half doesn't need the ability of a midfielder, but he must have a fairly accurate distribution. No use winning the ball if you've no idea what to do with it when you have.

Above all, a top-class number five must be a good competitor. Brave, with the courage to continually go in where it hurts.

These days all centre-halves must add their weight to their team's attack when necessary and get involved in set-pieces.

Being the man farthest back — goalkeeper apart — the centre-half has a good view of the play so he should be able to organise teammates.

Organisation — that's a vital quality in a centre-half . . . so is an understanding with his 'keeper. You've got to develop an almost

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telepathic understanding with him.

Players with all the qualities needed to be a dominating centre-half are scarce these days. I suppose that's why Manchester United were prepared to pay £500,000 for me . . . and I hope that doesn't sound big-headed.

I wasn't a number five when I started playing as a youngster — I was a winger — but it didn't take me long to realise I was better at helping to stop goals than helping teammates to score them.

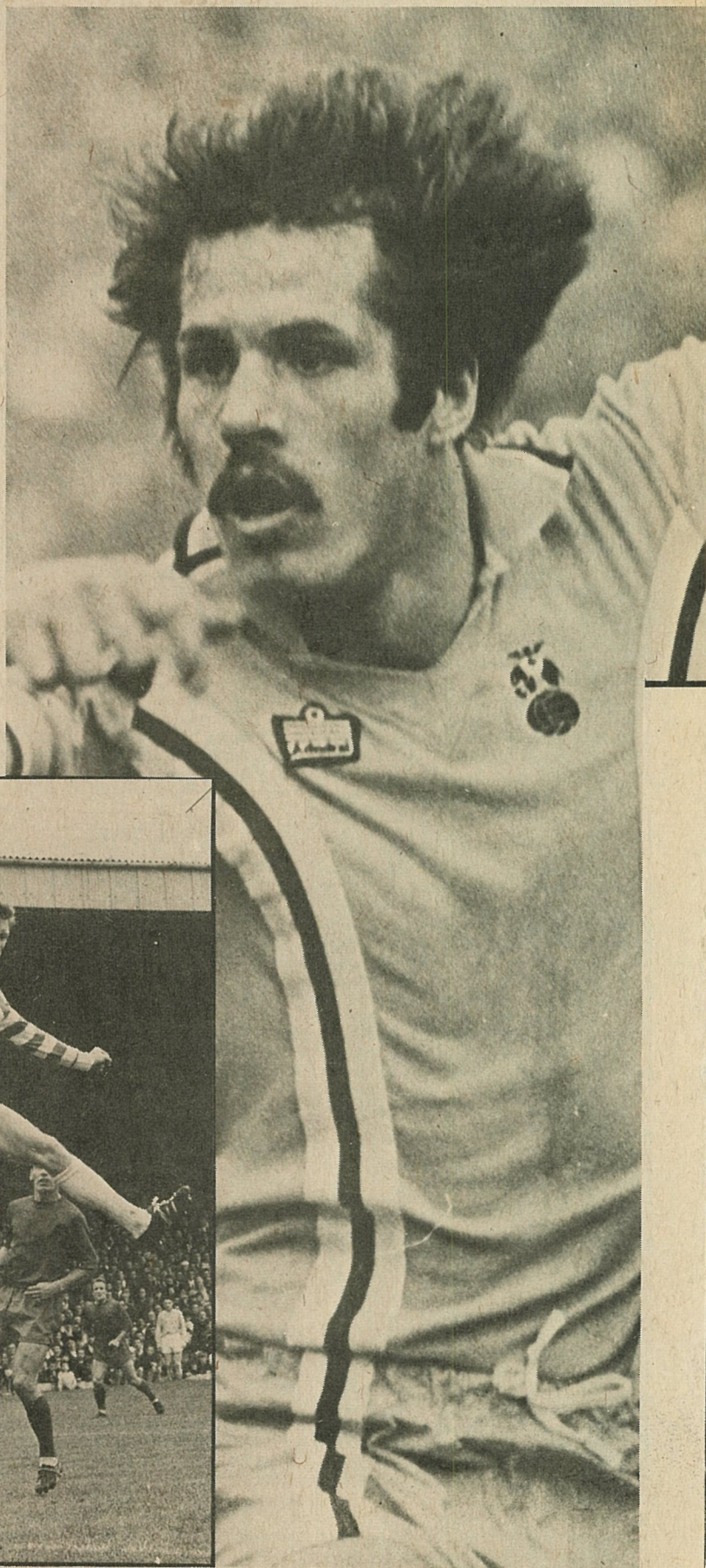
I didn't model myself on anybody in particular, although I did admire Celtic's Billy McNeill tremendously. He's now boss at Parkhead, of course.

Billy had the lot. I went to many of the big games in Scotland during his heyday and decided then to try to introduce all his strengths into my play.

The Celtic skipper was special, one of the few centre-halves around at the time who had the skill to combine brilliant defensive qualities with goalscoring ability.

I suppose the nearest player I've

*Right: Jim Holton plays to his strengths. It's a pity his career has been hindered by injury problems.
Below: Gordon admired Billy McNeill, seen here in action for Celtic in 1967.*



ARE HARD TO FIND'

seen to Billy is Franz Beckenbauer, the former West Germany captain now playing for Cosmos in the States.

Of the number fives in the game today, three really stand out for me ... Arsenal's David O'Leary, Dave Watson of Manchester City and Coventry's Jim Holton.

O'Leary has fantastic all-round ability. His strength is his mobility. He can operate in a number of defensive positions, all with equal skill.

I understand David could well leave Highbury for Continental soccer. What a pity if English football is robbed of this tremendous Republic of Ireland international whom I rate as one of the best prospects in the game.

England's Dave Watson is a tremendous competitor, equally able in the air and on the ground.

I'd say Dave is probably one of the most dangerous defenders in the world at attacking. He is almost unstoppable at set-pieces. Not surprising I suppose when you realise Dave began as a striker and could probably have won international recognition in that role as well.

I know Jim Holton is not the most



skilful of footballers, but he is still a fine stopper in my book.

Jim doesn't try to be another Pele and dazzle opponents with his ball control. He'd probably trip himself up if he tried.

No, he plays to his strengths which are courage, heading ability and a will to win.

I was with Jim in Scotland's 1974 World Cup squad and realised then what an asset he was to the side.

The Big Fella has been unlucky with injuries over the past few seasons, which has obviously hindered his progress.

I certainly hope he manages an injury-free run soon.

Number five for Bolton Wanderers at the moment is Paul Jones, who will be doing his best to stop United's Joe Jordan from hitting the target when the two clubs meet at Burnden Park this Saturday (December 23rd).

Bolton have improved lately after a slow start to the season, and recorded their first away victory since their return to the First Division at Q.P.R. at the beginning of the month.

There are some notable "veterans" still performing for this club,

like Alan Gowling, Willie Morgan, Tony Dunne (all ex-Man. United players), and Frank Worthington.

Despite Bolton's determination to consolidate their First Division status this season, I must go for a United victory at the weekend.

No chance of taking it easy this festive season ... especially as we're playing European Champions Liverpool at Old Trafford on Boxing Day.

What a Christmas present this fixture should be for the fans of both clubs.

I made my debut for United against Liverpool at Anfield — and was on the receiving end of a 3-1 defeat.

Like all at United I'm excited at the prospect of putting the record straight.

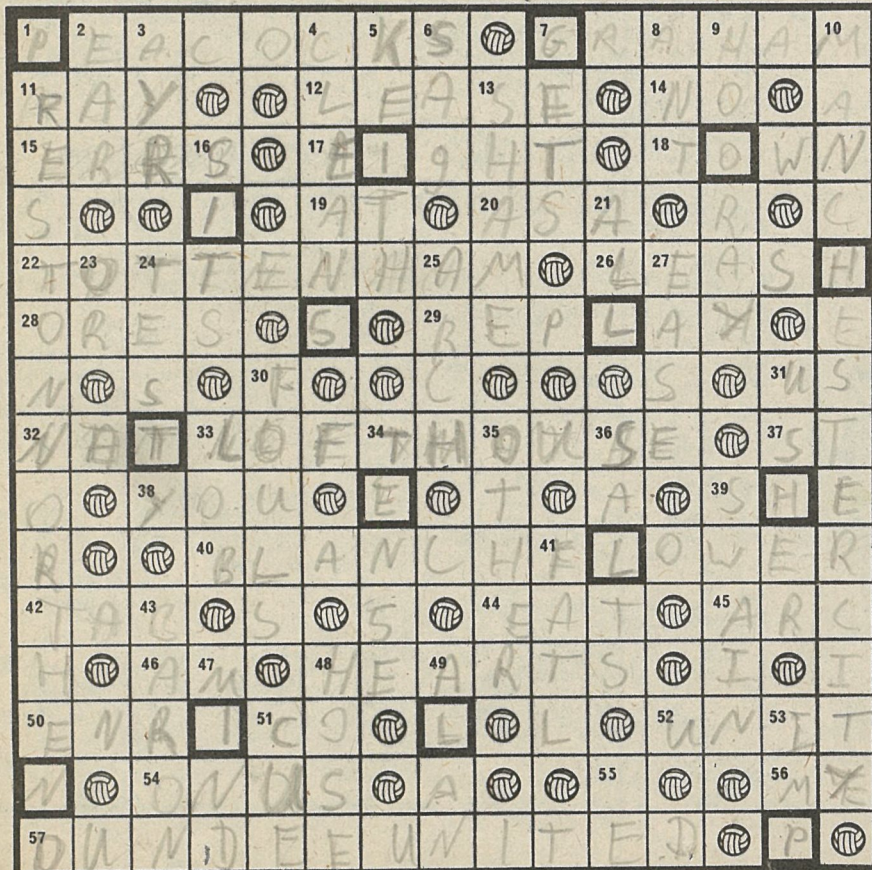
Before I close let me wish all SHOOT readers a very merry Christmas. I'll leave my New Year greetings until next week. What do I mean? Get SHOOT and find out ...

George Morrison

GO FOR THE DOUBLE

After you have completed the crossword in the normal way, the letters in the thick-edged squares can be made into the name of a Swansea City player.

The letters in squares 1, 4, 8, 13, 19, 26, 29, 33, 38, 42, 44, 49 and 51 can be made into the name of an English Second Division club. Answers on page 38.



CLUES ACROSS

- (1) The —, nickname of Leeds United.
- (7) — Rix, Arsenal midfielder.
- (11) — Kennedy, Liverpool midfield player.
- (12) Rent contract — perhaps on the club's ground.
- (14) Ar—ld Muhren, Ipswich player.
- (15) Ay—ome Pa-k (Middlesbrough). Makes mistakes from the omissions.
- (17) Number of times Arsenal have won the League Championship.
- (18) Grimsby —, Fourth Division club.
- (19) Spar— (Dutch League club). The omissions reversed.
- (20) — Hartford, Manchester City midfielder.
- (22) — Hotspur play at White Hart Lane.
- (26) Take five letters from Chelsea to make something for a dog!
- (28) —cunth—p— United. Minerals from the missing letters.
- (29) It could be necessary after a drawn game.
- (31) What is needed to complete: Borussia Dortmund.
- (32) "Footballer of the Year", 1952/3 (Bolton Wanderers) (3 & 9)
- (37) — Mirren, Scottish Premier club.
- (38) Willie —ng of Arsenal.
- (39) —field United from Bramall Lane.
- (40) Danny — twice "Footballer of the Year" (1957/8 & 1960/1).
- (42) Brian —l—t of Ipswich.
- (44) Chesterfield play at The Recr—ion Ground.
- (45) —ven Cottage (Fulham). Reverse the missing letters for a curve.
- (46) Stuart Bo— of Middlesbrough.
- (48) Very first winners of the Scottish League Championship. (1896/7)
- (50) — Albertosi; a famous Italian international goalkeeper.
- (52) Carlisle —ed.
- (54) —te-h-usem—ir (Scots club). Burden from the omissions.
- (56) Ball—ena United (Irish League club). The missing letters in reverse.
- (57) Scottish Premier Division club from Tannadice Park. (6 & 6)

CLUES DOWN

- (1) Very first winners of the English Football League, 1888/9. (7, 5 & 3)
- (2) Dave O'L—y of Arsenal.
- (3) — United; Scottish Division One club.
- (4) B—kbur—Rov—r— (English Division Two). Makes the omissions free from dirt!
- (5) — Robson, Norwich City striker.
- (6) Droop in the middle — like a broken crossbar.
- (7) —r—y Road (Crewe Alexandra). Obtains from the missing letters.
- (8) Take three letters from Stranraer for an insect.
- (9) Shout of joy or approval.
- (10) They last won the F.A. Cup in 1968/9 (beating Leicester City 1-0). (10 & 4)
- (13) Disgrace from the omissions in F-et— Ground, Darlington.
- (16) Relaxes to watch the game on T.V. perhaps.
- (21) Wals— play at Fellows Park.
- (23) Dusseld—f; West German League club.
- (24) Irascible — but starting with a trial!
- (25) —ie Gemmill of Nottingham Forest.
- (27) —t—vill— Stadium; Bristol Rovers.
- (30) Infringements of the rules.
- (31) Official who shows people to seats.
- (33) High throw.
- (34) Highly strung from the missing letters in P—er Bar— of Man. City.
- (35) M—well, Scottish Premier Division club.
- (36) —t-n—ey Ma—thew—; famous name in soccer.
- (39) Kenny —, midfield or striker.
- (41) That which is destined — like relegation, as an example.
- (43) Paul —r— of Arsenal.
- (47) Look after — as the 'keeper his goal!
- (48) Watering implement the groundsman probably uses.
- (49) — Brazil, Ipswich striker.
- (51) Tony —rri— of Leeds United.
- (53) Mischievous little being from Lincoln City's nickname.
- (55) Werder —r—men, another West German League club.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Dillon, Buckley, Jones P. o.g.)

BOLTON (0) 0 21,643
Birmingham: Freeman; Tarantini, Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Page, Dillon, Buckley, Givens, Calderwood, Fox.

Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Jones (P), Walsh, Morgan, Reid (Whatmore), Gowling, Worthington, McNab.

BRISTOL C (0) 0

WOLVES (0) 1 (Daley) 17,421
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbitt, Mann (Cormack), Whitehead.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hazell, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Bell, Eves, Daley.

COVENTRY (1) 4 (Wallace 2, McDonald, Powell)

DERBY (2) 2 (Daly pen., Caskey) 20,654
Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Blair, Osgood, Coop, Bannister (Hunt), Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hutchison.

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Daniel, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Caskey, Clark, Hill.

EVERTON (2) 3 (Ross, King, Latchford)

MAN. UTD. (0) 0 41,926
Everton: Wood; Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh (Nulty), Thomas.

Man. U: Bailey; Albiston, Houston, Greenhoff (B), McQueen, Buchanan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Sloan (Macari), McLroy.

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Burley, Woods)

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Armstrong) 17,570
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, Woods.

Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney (Proctor), Boam, McAndrew, Cochran, Mills, Ashcroft, Burns, Armstrong.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Baker, Holmes)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 20,880
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Baker.

Aston Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Shelton (Smith), Linton, Deehan, Cowans, Gregory.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (2) 3 (Poskett 2, Ryan)

MILLWALL (0) 0 19,408
Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Poskett, Maybank, Sayer, Cattlin.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore, Mehmet, Kitchener, Tagg, Townner, Seasman, Mitchell, Walker, Chatterton.

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson)

LUTON (0) 2 (Moss, Hatton) 10,000
Charlton: Wood; Campbell, Madden, Gritt, Shaw, Berry, Powell, Robinson, Flanagan, Brisley, Peacock.

Luton: Lawson; Price, Aizlewood, Carr, Turner, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

C. PALACE (2) 3 (Elwiss, Nicholas, Swindlehurst)

SHEFF. UTD. (0) 1 (Varadi) 19,504
Palace: Burridge; Fenwick, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Elwiss (Smillie), Walsh.

Sheff. U: Conroy; Franks, Garner, Kenworthy, Renwick, Speight (Varadi), Anderson, Calvert, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

FULHAM 0

WEST HAM 0 26,556
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Margerrison, Evanson, Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.

West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Taylor (A), Robson.

NOTTS. CO. (0) 1 (Masson)

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Ingham) 8,520
Notts. Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Moore, Mayo)

BLACKBURN (0) 0 4,415
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Hughton, Moores, Mayo, Kitchen (Chiedoie), Coates.

Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Radford, Craig, Parkes, Birchenall.

PRESTON (1) 3 (Thomson, Robinson, Bruce)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Elliot) 13,204
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Thomson (Doyle), Bruce.

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Chisholm (Brown), Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

U.E.F.A. CUP

Third Round first-leg

RED STAR BELGRADE (1) 1 (Blagojevic)

ARSENAL (0) 0 50,000
Red Star: Stojanovic; Jovanovic, Jovin, Muslin, Keri, Jurisic, Petrovic, Blagojevic (Milosajievic), Savic, Sestic, Lukic (Simic).
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Heeley, Sunderland, Stapleton, Walford, Rix.

VALENCIA (1) 1 (Felman)

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Cunningham) 50,000
Valencia: Pereira; Cervero, Castellano, Arias, Botubot, Cabral, Saura, Bonhof, Felman, Solsona, Kempes.
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Treweek, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.

AC Milan v Manchester City postponed.

FIRST DIVISION

LEEDS (2) 2 (Graham, Hankin)

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Langley) 24,088
Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

Chelsea: Iles; Wilkins (G), Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, McKenzie (Walker), Wilkins (R), Langley, Bumstead, Lewington.

TOTTENHAM 0

LIVERPOOL 0 50,393
Tottenham: Kendall; Gorman, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Hoddle (Villa), Taylor.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Hansen, Kennedy (R), Daiglish, Case, Heighway, Johnson (McDermott), Souness.

SECOND DIVISION

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Christie)

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Thomas) 14,734
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Williams, Walsh, Kelly, Weller, Ridley, Christie (Reed), Henderson, Hughes.

Wrexham: Davies; Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas (Cegielski), Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Lyons, Hill.



Ray Hankin scored the winning goal for Leeds against Chelsea.

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Bird)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 20,004
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Barker, Natrass, Bird, Blackley, Suggett (McGhee), Walker, Withe, Hibbitt, Nicholson.
Cambridge: Webster; Graham, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Cozens (Christie), Spriggs, Garner, Finney, Bijley.

STOKE (2) 4 (O'Callaghan, Irvine, Crooks 2)

OLDHAM (0) 0 17,170
Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Johnson, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Valentine, Chapman, Gardner.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

U.E.F.A. CUP

Third Round first-leg

AC MILAN (0) 2 (Bigon 2)

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Kidd, Power) 40,000
AC Milan: Albertosi; Collovati, Maldera, De Vecchi, Bet, Baresi, Buriani, Bigon, Novellino, Rivera, Chiodi.
Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Viljoen (Keegan), Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Palmer.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Tarantini)

BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Mabbitt) 21,552
Birmingham: Freeman; Tarantini, Dennis, Towers (Barrowclough), Gallagher, Page, Dillon, Calderwood, Givens, Buckley, Fox.
Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Mabbitt.

BOLTON (0) 0

NOTTM. FOREST (0) 1 (Robertson) 25,692
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Morgan, Reid, Gowling, McNab, Worthington.

Nottm. F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, Needham, Lloyd (O'Hare), Bowyer, O'Neill, Gemmill, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

CHELSEA (0) 0

MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Greenhoff J.) 27,156
Chelsea: Iles; Wilkins (G), Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, McKenzie, Wilkins (R), Langley, Lewington, Walker.

Man. U: Bailey; Greenhoff (B), Houston, McLroy, McQueen, Buchanan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Hunt)

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Stapleton) 26,786
Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Blair, Osgood, Coop, Hunt, Powell, Thompson, Wallace, Hutchison.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price (Heeley), O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Walford, Rix.

DERBY (1) 2 (Daniel, Caskey)

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Howe) 19,702
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Daniel, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Duncan, Caskey, Clark.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Shanks, Howe, Hollins, Eastoe, Francis, Busby, Cunningham, Wallace (McGee).

LEEDS (2) 4 (Graham, Currie, Golac o.g., Madeley)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 23,592
Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard (Curran), Holmes, Baker.

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (McDermott, Souness)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 39,821
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Daiglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Souness.

Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew (Ashcroft), Cochran, Mills, Shearer, Burns, Armstrong.

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Hartford)

IPSWICH (0) 2 (Gates, Talbot) 38,256



Newcastle's John Bird scored the only goal of the match v. Cambridge.

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements (Palmer), Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Owen, Deyna, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, Woods.

NORWICH (0) 0

EVERTON (0) 1 (Lyons) 19,383
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Davies (Robson), Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Symonds, Mendham, Peters.
Everton: Wood; Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Kenyon, Thomas.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Taylor)

WOLVES (0) 0 35,450
Tottenham: Kendall; McAllister, Gorman, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Lee, Hoddle (Villa), Taylor.

Wolves: Bradshaw (Hibbitt); Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hazell, Berry, Hibbitt (Rafferty), Carr, Bell, Eves, Daley.

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Brown T. pen.)

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Evans) 35,085
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Shaw, Deehan, Cowans, Gregory.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Hird, Garner)

STOKE (0) 2 (O'Callaghan, Crooks pen.) 10,841
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Fowler, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Radford, Craig, Parkes, Garner.

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Johnson (Cook), Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Richardson.

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Staniforth, Randall)

SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Finnieston) 8,434
Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater (White), Day, Taylor, Hendrie, Dennehy, Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Barry.

Sheff. U: Conroy; Renwick (Stainrod), Garner, Calvert, Matthews, Kenworthy, Anderson, Varadi, Finnieston, Sabella, Hamson.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Garner, Biley)

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Ingham, Fletcher) 6,502
Cambridge: Webster; Corbin, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Garner, Spriggs, Christie, Finney, Biley.

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Hall (Robinson), Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.

CARDIFF (2) 2 (Evans, Dwyer)

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Elwiss, Swindlehurst) 8,739
Cardiff: Platt; Dwyer, Thomas, Campbell (Lewis), Pontin, Larmour, Buchanan, Attley, Stevens, Evans, Bishop.

Palace: Burridge; Hazell, Sansom, Fenwick, Cannon, Gilbert, Kember (Hilaire), Murphy, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Elwiss.

CHARLTON 0
FULHAM 0 11,440
 Charlton: Wood; Shaw, Campbell, Gritt, Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Peacock.
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Greenaway, Davies, Guthrie, Beck, Evanson.

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Christie) 16,149
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2)
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Williams, Kelly, Weller, Ridley, Christie, Henderson (Goodwin), Hughes.
 West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Devonshire, McDowell, Cross, Robson, Taylor (A).

LUTON (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (2) 3 (Rowell 2, Entwistle) 10,249
 Luton: Lawson; Price, Aizlewood, Hill, Jones, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hutton, Moss.
 Sunderland: Siddall, Henderson, Bolton, Chisholm, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (McGhee) 20,522
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Valentine)
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Barker, Natrass (Mitchell), Bird, Blackley, McGhee, Walker, Withe, Hibbitt, Nicholson.
 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Valentine.

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Hooks) 8,851
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.
 Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan (Ward), Poskett, Maybank, Clark, Cattlin.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Hughton, Moores) 4,702
PRESTON (0) 0
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Chiedozy, Moores, Mayo, Hughton, Coates.
 Preston: Tunks; Taylor (Wilson), Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Burns, Bruce.

WREXHAM (3) 3 (McNeil, Hill pen, Lyons) 7,080
MILLWALL (0) 0
 Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Jones, Davis, Roberts, Dwyer, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Lyons, Hill.
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore (Chambers), Mehmet, Kitchener, Tagg, Towner, Seaman, Mitchell, Walker, Chatterton.

F.A. CUP First Round

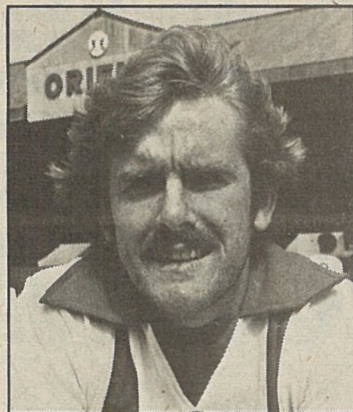
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Crosby) 4,213
WEYMOUTH (1) 1 (Hawkins)
 Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youliden, Jopling, Longhorn (Crosby), Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

ALTRINCHAM (2) 4 (Johnson 2, Bailey, Rogers) 2,153
SOUTHPORT (2) 3 (Nolan, Dewsnip, Whittle)

BARNET (1) 3 (Oliver, Cleary 2, 1 pen) 2,023
WOKING (2) 3 (James, Love, Field)

BARNSELEY (1) 5 (Clarke, Riley, Bell, Reed 2) 10,433
WORKSOP (0) 1 (Woods)
 Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Reed, Clarke, Riley, Millar, Bell.

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (McEwan pen, Chandler) 4,375
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Ward)



Tony Grealish was in tremendous form for Orient v. Preston.

Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Malone, Suddaby, McEwan, Weston, Sermani, Spence, Chandler, Wagstaff (Hockaday).
 Lincoln: Turner; Guest, Neale, Fleming (Hubbard), Wigginton, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Harford, Watson, Harding.

BOURNEMOUTH (1) (Massey pen, Butler M.) 5,008
HITCHIN (1) 1 (Taylor)
 Bournemouth: Allen; Butler (G), Lennard, Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick, MacDougall, Butler (M), Massey, Brown (K).

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Dolan pen) 5,625
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Bradford C: Downsbrough; Podd, Watson, Reaney, Baines, Wood, Martinez (Bates), Dolan, Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley, Todd, Harris, Hawkins, Tully, Farrell, Wright, Beech (Sproson), Healy.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Lumby) 5,060
HALIFAX (0) 0
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, Bonnyman, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Ludlam, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.
 Halifax: Leonard; Hutt, Loska, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Prendergast, Mountford, Campbell, Sidebottom (Carroll), Johnson.

CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips) 5,241
RUNCORN (0) 1 (Keynon)
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickass, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Jones, Livermore (Walker), Howat, Mellor, Phillips.

CHORLEY (0) 0
SCARBOROUGH (1) 1 (Dunn H.A.) 1,612

COLCHESTER (1) 4 (Gough 3, Foley) 4,170
OXFORD (1) 2 (Foley, Seacole)
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Hodge, Wignall, Downman, Foley, Gough, Bunkell, Lee (Wright), Allinson.

Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Briggs, Bodell, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Ferguson) 2,862
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Flavell)
 Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Lyons, Walsh, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, O'Neill, Hunter, Cottam, Proppett, Tart, Kowalski, Fern, Cammack, Walker.

DARTFORD (0) 1 (Jones) 1,006
AP LEAMINGTON (1) 2 (Gardner 2)

DONCASTER (2) 2 (Lewis, Laidlaw) 4,330
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Fletcher)
 Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Snodin, Cork, Bradley, Olney, Habbins (Owen), Lewis, French, Laidlaw, Bentley.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Lillis (Fletcher), Topping, Sutton, Gray, Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.

EXETER (0) 1 (Forbes) 3,782
BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Forbes, Mitchell, Roberts, Neville, Ingham, Bowker, Delye, Hatch.
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, McNichol, Carlton, Graham (J) (Smith), Glover, McCulloch, Phillips.

GRAVESEND 0 3,758
WIMBLEDON 0
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Haverson, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Goldthorpe) 3,584
GRIMSBY (0) 0
 Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G), Gorry, Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre (Hogan), Goldthorpe, Houchen, Crumplin, Loadwick, Grimby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Mitchell, Drinkell, Cumming (Lester), Brolly.

HEREFORD (0) 0
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Goddard pen) 6,939
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Emery, Holmes (K), Crompton, Jones, Gould, Spiring.
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Warriner, Davies, Bruton, Lowndes, Goddard, Woods, Sinclair, Vaughan.

HULL (0) 2 (Sargeant o.g., Edwards) 5,411
STAFFORD (0) 1 (Wood)
 Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, DeVries, Horswill, Hood, Haigh, Warboys, Lord (Hawker), Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

LEATHERHEAD (1) 2 (Baker, Camp) 2,100
MERTHYR (0) 1 (Pratt)

MAIDSTONE (0) 1 (Aitken) 1,904
WYCOMBE (0) 0

MANSFIELD (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Atkins, Biggins) 4,881
 Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), McClelland, Saxby (M), Bird, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Wood, Allen.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.

NUNEATON (0) 0
CREWE (2) 2 (Coyne, Bowles) 4,232
 Crewe: Rafferty; Wilkinson, Roberts, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies, Purdie, Coyne, Wilshaw, Robertson.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Hemmerman 2) 13,338
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood (Hand), Barnard, Pullar.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Saunders, Farrington, Williams, Froggatt, Reilly, Wassell (Cordice).

READING 0 6,910
GILLINGHAM 0
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Alexander, Kearns, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis (Hetzke).
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

ROCHDALE (0) 0 3,252
DROYLESDEN (1) 1 (Taylor)
 Rochdale: Shyne; O'Loughlin, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Hoy, Hilditch, Esser, Price.

ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Gwyther 2, Breckin) 3,927
WORKINGTON (0) 0
 Rotherham: McAlister; Vaughan, Breckin, Stancliffe, Green (Dawson), Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Crawford, Smith.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Pilling) 8,697
SHEFF. WED (0) 1 (Nimmo)
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Wigg, Keeley, Kavanagh.
 Sheff. W: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Pickering, Smith, Johnson, Wyld, Nimmo, Leman, Porterfield, Hornsby.

SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Pountney, Carmichael o.g., Parker) 6,531
PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Butlin, Anderson)
 Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Dudley, Polycarpou.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Carmichael, Ross, Robertson, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson (Sargent), Robson.

STOCKPORT (2) 5 (Prudham, Bradd, Park 3) 3,294
MORECAMBE (0) 1 (Towers)
 Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Fogarty, Park, Edwards, Henson, Prudham, Bradd, Summerbee, Armstrong.

SWANSEA (2) 4 (James, Charles 2, Waddle) 7,824
HILLINGDON (0) 1 (Williams)
 Swansea: Crudginton; Evans, Toshack, Phillips, Smith, Marusik, Callaghan, James, Waddle, Charles, Moore.

SWINDON (2) 2 (Gilchrist, Bates) 5,633
MARCH (0) 0
 Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Gilligan, Bates, Kamara.

TRANMERE (2) 2 (McAuley, Moore) 2,424
BOSTON (0) 1 (Moyes)
 Tranmere: Johnson; Cahill, Flood, Bramhall, Mathias, Parry, O'Neil, Evans, Moore, Peplow, McAuley.

WALSALL (0) 0 4,445
TORQUAY (2) 2 (Cooper, Wilson)
 Walsall: Kearns; Paul, Harrison, Sbragia, Serella (Penn), King, Birch, Macken, Austin, McDonough, Kelly.
 Torquay: Turner; Boulton, Payne, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Cooper, Murphy, Raper.

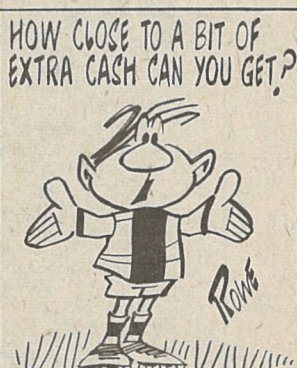
WATFORD (1) 3 (Jenkins 3) 11,551
DAGENHAM (0) 0
 Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Harrison, Mayes, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Pritchett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downes.

WEALDSTONE (0) 0
ENFIELD (1) 5 (O'Sullivan, Searle, King 2, Wright) 1,250

WIGAN (0) 2 (Gore, Houghton) 10,142
BURY (1) 2 (Gregory, Brown o.g.)
 Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Moore (Brownbill), Purdie.
 Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Tucker.

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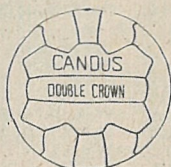
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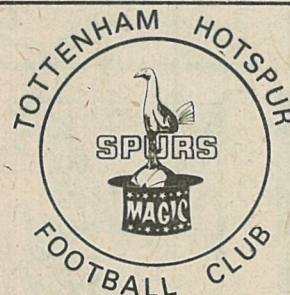
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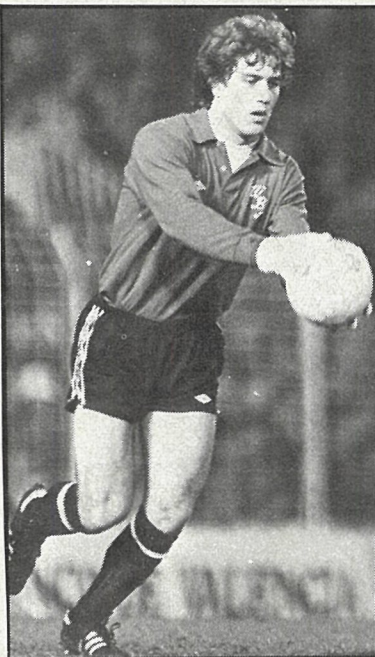
THE names of the goalkeepers in the English First Division roll off the tongue with ease. Clemence, Shilton, Jennings, Corrigan, Middleton, Parkes, Harvey and Montgomery. Each and every one of them would be good enough to walk into most top European club sides as a 'keeper of the highest class.

In Britain, we've become accustomed to having arguably the best in the world. Certainly, goalkeepers even at Europe's top clubs like Anderlecht, Hamburger SV, Real Madrid and Barcelona don't begin to compare with the best of British.

Yet anyone running through the list of top First Division goalkeepers, might come to a halt when they reached the Midlands club West Bromwich Albion. They have several star players, such as Cyrille Regis, Laurie Cunningham, John Wile and Tony Brown. Yet Albion's goalkeeper is nowhere near as famous as most of his colleagues between the sticks.

"I know no one seems to have heard of me," laughs Albion 'keeper Tony Godden. "But I can't say I'm worried. The men who really matter like Ron Greenwood know I exist — and if I play well and have enough consistency in my game, I trust I can progress within the game."

Godden's sensible outlook reflects his moderate rise to the Albion goalkeeper number one slot. He started with his home town club Gillingham in Kent, spent a brief spell on loan to then



TONY GODDEN
(West Brom)

Third Division Preston before being snapped up by Johnny Giles who was then in charge at The Hawthorns.

Albion were looking for a goalkeeper to replace veteran John Osborne. And Giles soon realised Godden was his man.

Godden has made steady but sure progress since he became Albion's first-choice goalkeeper. In many ways, he has made outstanding progress because he has this season been savouring the very different experience of European football with Albion.

But still that stigma sticks. Godden's name hardly comes to mind as easily as that of Clemence, Shilton etc. So what can be done about it?

"Well, it's my ambition to become as big a name as Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence," says Godden. "But I realise these things take time. I know I'm not terribly well known right now but that's always the way with goalkeepers. They're not scoring winning goals and not creating winning goals through astute passes."

"A goalkeeper has to make his name over a period of time by being steady and consistent. Making half a dozen brilliant saves one week and several mistakes the next is not the way to become a great goalkeeper."

"You've got to do it week in week out — season after season. Only then can you expect to be bracketed alongside 'keepers like Shilton and Clemence."

Is it more difficult to become a top 'keeper in England than it is on the Continent? Godden says: "Goalkeepers abroad tend to be more spectacular with their saves. That's because of the different temperament but it doesn't mean we have to be the same to be good."

"I wouldn't say it's a drawback being an English goalkeeper. I know there is a terrific amount of competition for the number one job in the country — being England's goalkeeper."

"But it's a high standard in the Football League and if you hold a regular place in that League, it must mean you are doing fairly well."

Godden accepts it will be difficult to reach the full England side as 'keeper. "It's the oldest cliché out but it's certainly true," he says. "If you're a midfielder player you've got three places to aim for in the national side. It's the same for a striker and if you're a versatile defender you've got four spots to try and win. When you're a goalkeeper, you only have one place to win."

"I'm only 21 now and I benefited tremendously from the full season I had last term. With more experience I should be a much better goalkeeper. I've got plenty of time on my side because I reckon I won't reach my peak until I'm around 27 or older. As long as I keep fit, learn everything I'm taught and keep playing in a good side things should go well."

"I have to keep plodding on and making progress. Because one thing looks certain — it will be as tough a fight for the names of the future as it has been for the big ones of the past who have tried for the number one goalkeeping job — that of England's first choice 'keeper."

'keepers who both want to be England's number one.

THE excellent form of big Phil Parkes, the Queens Park Rangers 'keeper, has consistently illuminated the Loftus Road team's spirited recovery from early-season displays that had the critics, even at that muscle-flexing stage of the League programme, stitching them into a relegation shroud.

Signed from Walsall, in May, 1970, Parkes has established himself as one of the top goalkeepers in Britain.

One full England cap, against Portugal, in 1974, seems scant reward for his skill and reliability, but the Rangers' star confesses he is delighted to still be considered for any of Ron Greenwood's squads.

"Perhaps if Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence, and Joe Corrigan all packed the game in at the same time, I'd be in line for a run in the senior side," jokes Phil. "But seriously, I feel great being called-up for the 'B' international with Czechoslovakia, especially as I'd played in the Under-21 team against Denmark, at Copenhagen, last September, as one of the two over-age players allowed in games at this level."

"Whether it's for the 'B' team-squad, or as one of the senior players in the Under-21 party, just being selected gives me a tremendous boost. The very fact

you're in a national squad does wonders for your own game."

"It's been suggested playing for a club that is struggling in the League is an obstacle to recognition at international level, but in my case I've found it gives me greater incentive to maintain top form, and this is what has happened this season."

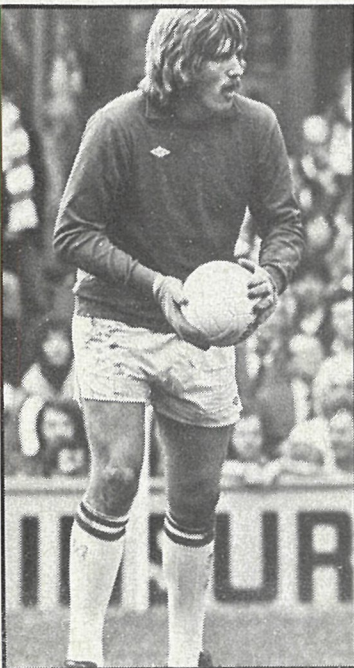
"During the early games we were being written-off as favourites for the drop, but Steve Burtenshaw, since taking over as manager, has, along with coach John Collins, made us believe in ourselves again."

"When the boss first arrived to take charge, he wasn't at all happy about the physical shape some of us were in, and he certainly let us know it! Training was tough, but it has paid off. We've proved we're as hard and fit as any team in the First Division, and we showed we have plenty of character by holding Nottingham Forest to a 0-0 draw at the City Ground, after losing two home games in the same week — to Leeds United in the Fourth Round of the League Cup, and Liverpool in the League."

"I thought we were unlucky not to come away with both points from the Forest match. We played really well, and our quick breaks from defence had Cloughie's team in all sorts of trouble. We're a lot tighter in defence now, and the

return of Dave Clement has made us even stronger at the back. And with Gerry Francis back in the side,

PHIL PARKES
(Q.P.R.)



and playing so well, I'm confident we'll climb up the table."

For much of last season the Rangers' 'keeper was unsettled as internal squabbles, injuries to essential players, and diving morale, pushed the Loftus Road team down among the dead men. Parkes himself was sidelined with a knee injury that required surgery, and when he returned to League duty rumours Manchester United were keen to sign him, did little for his peace of mind.

With Rangers fighting their way clear of the relegation quicksands, and the Old Trafford transfer talk dying a natural death, a far more relaxed Phil Parkes showed, during the closing months of the season, why he belongs among the Shiltons, the Clemences, the Corriganes.

He is optimistic about his chances of further national recognition.

"I just hope I maintain the form that has brought me a recall to the international scene. Just being part of the set-up, the training, the ball-work, the talks, and the whole atmosphere of an England get-together, is something special to me," admits Phil.

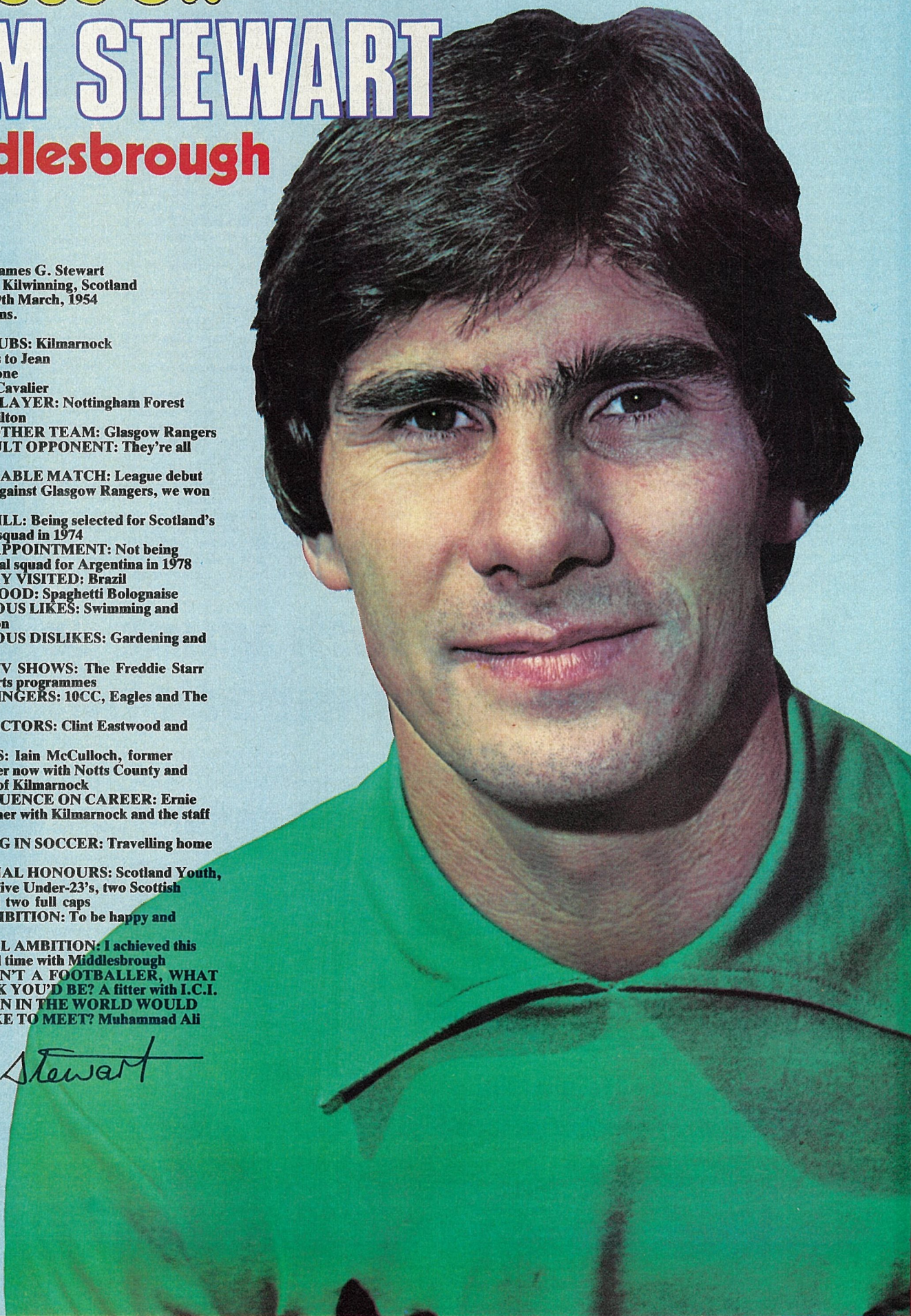
"It keeps me on my toes when I'm playing for my club, and makes me feel ten feet tall when I come back to League football after being away with an England squad."

FOCUS ON JIM STEWART

Middlesbrough

FULL NAME: James G. Stewart
BIRTHPLACE: Kilwinning, Scotland
BIRTHDATE: 9th March, 1954
HEIGHT: 6ft. 2ins.
WEIGHT: 13st.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Kilmarnock
MARRIED: Yes to Jean
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Vauxhall Cavalier
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Nottingham Forest 'keeper Peter Shilton
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Glasgow Rangers
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all tough
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: League debut for Kilmarnock against Glasgow Rangers, we won 2-1
BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected for Scotland's final World Cup squad in 1974
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being picked for the final squad for Argentina in 1978
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil
FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti Bolognese
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Swimming and playing badminton
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Gardening and washing my car
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: The Freddie Starr Show and all sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: 10CC, Eagles and The Bee Gees
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Clint Eastwood and Robert Redford
BEST FRIENDS: Iain McCulloch, former Kilmarnock player now with Notts County and Alan Robertson of Kilmarnock
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ernie Nash former trainer with Kilmarnock and the staff at Ringley Park
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling home after defeat
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scotland Youth, two Under-21's, five Under-23's, two Scottish League caps and two full caps
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Jim Stewart



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Celtic's Roy Aitken (left) in a race for the ball with Alex Miller of Rangers.



SHOOT!

'NO REGRETS' says JOCK WALLACE who joined Leicester City as manager in May



WHEN Jock Wallace was manager of Rangers and winning everything in Scotland, he expected nothing but the best from his players. Now he is boss of Second Division Leicester he sees no reason to lower his standards.

"How can I be happy with the team's performances when they are not top of the League?" asks the burly Scotsman whose legend as a "hard man" followed the code of discipline he imposed at Ibrox.

No player was allowed to wear a beard, nor permitted to have their socks round their ankles, nor wear their shirts outside their shorts — even in training sessions!

Yet under his guidance, Rangers took the Scottish League title three times, won the Scottish Cup another three times and were triumphant in the Scottish League Cup in 1976 and 1978 to twice complete the 'triple', and now Leicester fans are hoping he can transform their club.

Last season they were relegated from Division One with only 22 points and having scored just 26 goals, the least scored in the First Division in modern times.

On arrival at Filbert Street in May, Wallace ordered two gigantic mountains of sand at the training ground and forced his new charges up and down in a gruelling training session which included 400 metres hurdles, and wearying circuit training.

"Training like that takes a little while to be effective, but now I think the players are beginning to feel the benefit and will continue to do so.

"Everybody does the same thing, and once the body becomes conditioned to such exercises the players become more committed and disciplined. That makes them better players."

Yet Wallace denies he is attempting to turn his team into a group of superhumans capable of running the opposition off the park.

"I am not concerned about any other team," he says. "They can do things their way and I will do things mine."

Maintaining the difference between a team as dominant as Rangers and as unsuccessful as Leicester last season is not that great, says Wallace. He stands by the argument the gap between English and Scottish League football is not that noticeable.

"There is an atmosphere at every ground which hits you straightaway, and Leicester is no exception," says the six-foot-two former West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper. "We are all playing the same game and all have the same end in mind — winning."

"Things are starting to click again, and although we are not scoring nearly enough goals, I think we can start to pull the crowds back."

"When we lost 2-1 at home to West Ham in November, we played enough good football to convince me this club still has something going for it."

"All we need is a good winning run and I'm sure the crowd will get right behind the players again. That can make all the difference."

Yet despite being encouraged by what he has seen in his time at Filbert Street, Wallace refuses to make any predictions regarding the future of the club or its players.

"I am not going to say we will be back in Division One in a certain number of years when I can guarantee nothing."

"I am making no promises, all I want is for the team to play to the best of their abilities and then we will see what we are capable of and what we are not."

"Rangers are a great club, and I am pleased to say I was manager. However, I had no second thoughts about joining a club who had such a dismal season and were relegated, and I have no regrets about joining Leicester City."

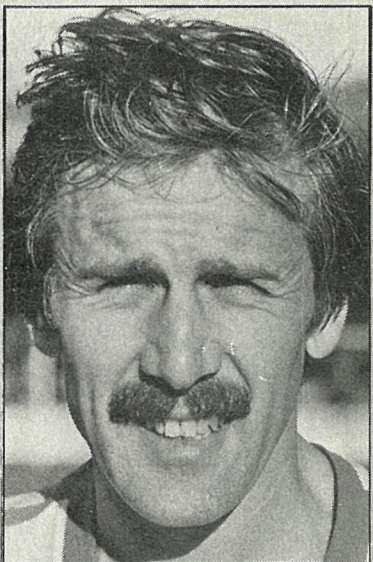
EIGHTEEN months ago, Torquay United were a club in crisis... a club facing the real threat of extinction.

Today, they are a thriving, ambitious outfit, in with a chance of winning promotion to the Third Division.

A major influence behind one of soccer's most amazing escape stories is player-manager Mike Green, the former Carlisle, Gillingham, Bristol Rovers and Plymouth centre-half.

"Yes, it's true. Things were so bad at Plainmoor when I arrived in March, 1977, the club's Football League status was in serious jeopardy."

"But don't give me all the credit for the transformation. Everyone at the club, from boardroom to tea-room has worked tirelessly to



No one laughs at Torquay now

put Torquay back on a sound footing.

"Above all I have a lot to thank Frank O'Farrell and coach John Rudge for. They've played a large part in the rebuilding of a club on the verge of crumbling away into nothing."

"Frank, the former manager, was persuaded to stay on at the club in the role of consultant. He is always on hand to give help and advice when I need it."

"I inherited too many players who were either too old, or not good enough," continued Mike. "Now I'm after quality not quantity, and of the 18 players at Plainmoor when I arrived only three remain."

"Torquay have struggled for donkey's years. We were regarded as a bit of a joke, even by the locals in the town."

"It's different now. Instead of going backwards towards oblivion, we are moving forward to a fine future. We've stopped the rot."

"We've a young team with lads such as Les Lawrence, Jess Payne, Steve Cooper and Kenny Raper. There's also goalkeeper John Turner."

"I got him from Reading for £3,000 and have already turned down offers for three times that amount for him."

"The club is financially sound and the fans are happier. In fact, our approach is 100 per cent more professional."

Modest Mike Green will quickly gloss over his achievements at Torquay. But his record is worth looking at in some detail.

When he took over the club were facing re-election with 15 Fourth Division games of the 1976-77 season left.

"Mike's experience and influence had an immediate effect on the side which finished well clear

of the bottom four."

The following term, Torquay only just failed to win promotion, finishing in ninth spot. A fine achievement considering Mike only had 14 players to call on.

Two of those were striker Colin Lee, sold to Spurs for more than £60,000, and David Tomlin, transferred to Aldershot for £20,000.

"When David arrived on a free transfer from Leicester he had lost his way in the game."

"But the club got him back into shape and rekindled his appetite for the game."

"In fact the fees received for Colin and David enabled me to rebuild the team."

Colin Lee made an instant impact at White Hart Lane, scoring four goals on his debut against Bristol Rovers, one of Mike Green's former clubs.

Mike skipped them and Plymouth to promotion in successive seasons. Now he's going for the hat-trick.

"As I've said there's a tremendous feeling of confidence running through the side. We've made a fairly good start and had some notable results, including a victory at Barnsley. No mean feat."

If Torquay continue to make progress Mike Green could stand alongside other young managers making a contribution to the game... Graham Taylor (Watford), Terry Venables (Crystal Palace) and Alan Mullery (Brighton).

Then ambitious clubs from higher echelons of the Football League could look enviously towards Plainmoor.

"Very flattering," said Mike. "But I've just signed a new two year contract and enjoyed playing my part in helping to achieve success with Torquay. That's all the future I'm concentrating on at the moment."

Tartan Talk **DEREK JOHNSTONE**

GIVE Kenny Dalglish a break! That's my advice to the critics who continually knock the former Celtic player whenever Scotland have a bad game.

I know an awful lot is expected of the Liverpool superstar and when he doesn't turn it on people may be disappointed, but surely it is time to get off his back and give him encouragement when he needs it most.

Kenny has played a record 60 international matches for his country. People expect him to be more dominating for Scotland, to help bring on the younger players, but we must remember Kenny is hardly a veteran himself. He is only 27!

He has chalked-up all those matches for Scotland because of an overwhelming talent from a young age. I've seen Kenny have some marvellous games for his country, yet these matches seem to be conveniently forgotten



stant threat to defences. How do you stop him from scoring? You can keep him quiet for lengthy spells, simply by putting a couple of markers on him, but lose concentration for one second and he will punish you.

Scotland need that type of player. I would not attempt to tell Jock Stein his job. No one knows Kenny's qualities better than the Big Man. It was he who introduced him to senior soccer and gave him his opportunity at Parkhead, after all.

Celtic picked up £440,000 when they sold him to Liverpool before the start of last season. How much would he cost now? His value has definitely risen, hasn't it?

Anyway, I hope some critics and fans do get off his back, otherwise the burden will probably interfere with his form. Every player needs the crowd behind him. It really does give you a "lift". I know that myself. You might be struggling during a game, but it hardly helps you when you hear the cat-calls and the whistles.

Thankfully, the Rangers support have always treated me fairly, which I appreciate. I've had my bad games when the fans might have

but he, too, knows all about the fickleness of today's international fan.

Scotland have a mountain to climb to get through to the Finals in Rome in 1980, but don't write us off yet. We have a great manager and great players, so there is no need for doom and despondency.

We are the only team not to have dropped a point at home. Okay, I realise we have only played Norway at Hampden, but it is still an important factor, isn't it? Austria have lost in Vienna, Norway have gone down in Copenhagen and both Portugal and Belgium have been held to draws.

Now we face Belgium in Glasgow in February and that will be absolutely vital. It's a game we must win. Mr. Stein has said there will be changes. Obviously I have no knowledge what he is planning, but I just hope the name Derek Johnstone is in there somewhere.

I believe the Scottish boss is scrupulously fair and if I am playing well for Rangers at the time he will not overlook me. So, it's up to me. I want to see Scotland winning this European Championship section and if I can play my part I will be delighted.

Wish me luck. That goes for Kenny Dalglish and every Scot for that matter!

Derek Johnstone

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

'STOP KNOCKING DALGLISH!'

whenever someone chooses to criticise him.

In two consecutive years he scored the winning goals against England. That's not bad going for a start! And he hit two against Norway in the European Championship tie at Hampden, but still he took stick.

There aren't many Scots who

have scored more goals than Kenny for their country. He will score a lot more and it would be good to see him getting more support from the terraces.

Let's face it, which club in Britain wouldn't want a player of his ability in their team? He combines all the skills, is extremely difficult to force off the ball and he is a con-

given me stick. Most of the time, though, they get behind you and with a support like that you feel you just cannot let them down.

Kenny Dalglish wasn't the only Scot to come in for criticism after our recent 1-0 defeat by Portugal in the European Championship match. John Robertson came through it relatively unscathed,



Dalglish pounces to score Scotland's second goal in their 2-1 win against England at Wembley in 1977.

Michels in charge of THE AZTECS

RINUS Michels, who led Ajax and Barcelona to so much success, will be in charge of the Los Angeles Aztecs next season. This is a major step forward for the game in the United States; not only do they have the world's best players now (Beckenbauer and, soon, Cruyff, together at Cosmos) ... they also have Europe's top coach.

A beaming Aztecs' president Larry Friend said: "We wanted the best and we have him. Never before has the NASL had a coach with such an international reputation. In many ways, Michels' appointment is as important as the acquisition of Pelé was."

The dour Michels comments: "After so many years in Europe I

am looking forward to the challenge of America, with new people. My impression is the American youth will be completely captivated by soccer in the years ahead and soccer in this country can soon compete with the best in the world."

Michels has been with just two teams in his career: Ajax and Barcelona. He also led Holland in the 1974 World Cup.

As you will see, Michels, 50, has a very impressive record as a manager/coach. Six Championships, three domestic Cups and a European Cup.

He takes over a club that last season finished bottom of its Division. And people are asking: Will Michels, again, be joined by Johan Cruyff?

WORLDWIDE

COMPILED BY CHRIS DAVIES

SEASON	TEAM	L'GUE	NATIONAL CUP	EUROPEAN CUP
1964-65	Ajax	5th	—	—
1965-66	Ajax	1st	Quarter-Finals	—
1966-67	Ajax	1st	Semi-Finals	Quarter-Finals
1967-68	Ajax	1st	CHAMPIONS	Quarter-Finals
1968-69	Ajax	2nd	Quarter-Finals	Quarter-Finals
1969-70	Ajax	1st	CHAMPIONS	Final
1970-71	Ajax	1st	Semi-Finals	CHAMPIONS
1971-72	Barcelona	2nd	Quarter-Finals	Quarter-Finals
1972-73	Barcelona	2nd	Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals
1973-74	Barcelona	1st	Final	Quarter-Finals
1974-75	Barcelona	3rd	Eighth-Finals	Semi-Finals
1975-76	Ajax	3rd	Quarter-Finals	—
1976-77	Barcelona	2nd	Eighth-Finals	Semi-Finals
1977-78	Barcelona	2nd	CHAMPIONS	Semi-Finals

DO U.E.F.A. ABUSE THEIR POWER?

U.E.F.A. confirmation of the two-year ban on Real Madrid winger Juanito both at European and national level has not only caused indignation in Spain, but has once again focused attention on a subject that I have frequently commented on before — namely, the number of unsatisfactory decisions taken by the U.E.F.A. Disciplinary Committee.

Nowadays, the whole situation has developed into a near-farce with clubs automatically appealing against too-severe bans on cautioned players and the U.E.F.A. Appeals Committee subsequently reducing the punishment.

Arsenal's reaction to Liam Brady's harsh suspension is a classic example, and they were lucky to have the player's ban reduced. The Juanito case has taken on giant proportions in Spain, largely because the Madrid winger is arguably one of the most exciting players in Europe at the moment and is certainly one of the key players in the Spanish national team.

The Spanish authorities consider it unjust that Juanito's ban should include the national team when his offence was committed while playing for his club,

whereas players cautioned during international matches are not banned from representing their clubs (the Willie Johnston doping scandal was a special case).

For example, although Andy Gray was banned from playing for Scotland a couple of years ago, this did not affect his position with Villa at all. So why should the reverse be true?

The other factor brought once again to light by the Juanito case is one which I have commented on before — U.E.F.A. never admit that the referee may have made a mistake. In this case, German referee Herr Prokop alleged that Juanito repeatedly butted him at the end of the European Cup game between Grasshoppers and Real Madrid in Zurich.

Juanito insists that he definitely didn't strike the referee at any time, though he admits to having sworn at him. Real appealed against the U.E.F.A. decision, including T.V. film of the incident to back up Juanito's defence.

U.E.F.A., following their "the referee is always right" attitude, refused to look at the T.V. film. In other words

they simply weren't interested in finding out the truth!

The whole affair has also taken on yet another dimension, as the Spanish Footballers' Union (AFE) may well take legal action against U.E.F.A. as they feel that the U.E.F.A. Disciplinary Committee did not consider the case fully enough before depriving a professional footballer of a considerable slice of his income for the next two years.

One wonders how much longer U.E.F.A. can persist in their "feudal" system, and it seems unbelievable that the Disciplinary Committee can work without a definite set of rules.

I'm certainly not qualified to talk about the rights and wrongs of the Juanito case in particular but, as I've said before, it's about time that U.E.F.A. tried to do justice rather than simply back up referees willy-nilly.

Referees can make mistakes, just like the rest of us, and decisions like banning a top professional for two years are much too serious to be handled by "rule of thumb".

● There will be dope tests in the Bundesliga next season, the West German authorities have announced.

ROWDIES IN LONDON

North American Soccer League runners-up Tampa Bay Rowdies have sent five of their young stars to train in London during their off-season. The quintet have been training with Millwall, Crystal Palace and Dulwich Hamlet, riding high in the Isthmian League. The SHOOT photographer caught the Rowdies before a training session at Hamlet's Champion Hill ground (from left): Perry Van Der Beck, Sandge Ivanchekov, Thomas Maurer, Alan Smith (Hamlet manager), Wes McLeod, and Guy Newman.



GUY Thijs, manager of Belgium, must be the Optimist of the Year. After having lost 1-0 to Israel (missing a penalty), Thijs said: "Disappointed? Oh no, on the contrary I spotted some good moves. The players are beginning to find each other and we have improved in the last six months."

The fact Belgium haven't won a game in that period obviously doesn't deter Thijs.

IN Porto Alegre, Brazil, fans are treated to half-time exhibitions of gymnastics, cycling, judo and other minority sports in an effort to create interest in them.

THE West German F.A. received 200,000 applications for tickets within two days for their game with Holland on December 20th.

WITH the onset of the cold weather, the Czechs had some poor attendances for their 13th and penultimate programme before the winter break. Champions Brno, at home to Sparta Prague were watched by only 687, who paid to get in, while VSS Kosice received cash from only 862. Trencin and Slovan Bratislava also took in gates of less than 2,000.

THEY HAVE WAYS OF STOPPING DRAWS

THE Soviet authorities are happy with their 1978 experiment of giving no points to teams who draw after having drawn eight matches. They were worried by the defensive attitudes of travelling teams and in an effort to curb this, introduced the new ruling.

In 1977, there were 107 draws in 240 games, 43 no-score draws.

This year, there were only 59 draws, with just 19 no-score draws.

Dynamo Tbilisi were the Champions.

A BIG row has blown up in the São Paulo State Championship, Brazil, as a direct result of continual yearly alterations of the system used for the Championships. The dispute is between São Paulo F.C. and Santos F.C., who are disputing a place in the Semi-Finals. Both qualified in the Quarter-Final stages, but drew 0-0 (after extra-time) in their match.

Santos, based on the Federation's regulations, consider that they qualified because of goal difference. However, São Paulo say the system should be by the total number of points won and have entered a petition to the civil court to decide the problem.

Another problem is that the Portuguesa centre-forward Alcino had a positive dope test and Juventus have submitted that the club should forfeit the points in that match. Juventus would then replace Portuguesa in the Quarter-Final stages.

The problem on the São Paulo football scene are multiplying and may result in the collective dismissal of the elected President and other directors of the Association.

POLES APART

POLISH players are now cashing in on the success of the national team over the past six years. More and more of Poland's stars are playing abroad, and their coaches, too, are in demand.

Polish regulations say no player can be transferred abroad until he is 30, but the likes of Tomaszewski and Deyna still have much to offer despite reaching that dreaded soccer age.

Jan Tomaszewski is now the star of Beerschot in Belgium; also in Belgium is the former national hero Wlodek Lubanski — with Lokeren.

Henryk Kasprzak is starring for Metz in France and Jan Wrazy, also an international, is with Valenciennes.

Manchester City were quick to contact Legia Warsaw about Kazimierz Deyna after the World Cup and FC Bruges would like to sign Andrzej Szarmach of Wisla Krakow, but he isn't old enough to leave yet.

In 1974, Poland had two dynamic wingers, Robert Gadocha and Grzegorz Lato. Gadocha went to France, and Lato could have joined any number of Western European clubs, had the authorities released him.

Poland's 1974 manager Kazimierz Gorski left for Greece and his successor, Jacek Gmoch is wanted by American clubs.

Even the current manager, Ryszard Kulesza, was offered the job of managing Morocco's national team until he got the same post in Poland.

While everyone in Poland likes to see Polish players doing well abroad, they realise that such an exodus weakens the national team. Still, they believe there is enough young talent in the country to keep Poland in the top sector of world soccer.



NEWS FLASHES

Six countries have applied to host the 1990 World Cup Finals: Italy, United States, Belgium, Holland, Yugoslavia and Russia.

1.F.C. Kaiserslautern equalled Bayern Munich's Bundesliga record by going 14 games undefeated, but in their 15th game of the season they crashed 5-1 to Borussia Monchengladbach. They still topped the table, though.

The Centenario Stadium in Montevideo, Uruguay, the scene of the very first World Cup Final, has been declared a national monument by FIFA.

Amri Hassan, a forward from Morocco, has signed for Dutch club FC Utrecht.

Gerd Zimmermann, stopper of Fortuna Dusseldorf, has been in great form, scoring six goals in 13 and only one of the centre-forwards he was marking managed to find the back of the net.

The 1-2 home defeat of Juventus by Perugia was Juve's first in seven years in the Italian League. Perugia are amazing everyone by topping the table; they transferred their top star, Walter Novellino, to AC Milan and everyone thought this would weaken the side!

The Bundesliga B's Disciplinary Committee have ordered that the recent game between Borussia Neuenkirchen and Stuttgart Kickers be replayed. Borussia won 4-3, but with the score at 3-3 the "winning" goal went in through the side netting. A TV film brought thousands of protests, but the F.A. regard the decision as a dangerous precedent.

Invited to play in India, Bayern Munich sent their amateur team who beat FC Arian (Calcutta) 2-0 in their first game.

Ernst Happel has resigned as manager of FC Bruges.

Things are looking bad in the Dutch Second Division. There have been many attendances of less than 1,000 — FC Amsterdam had just 500 supporters at a recent game. FC Dordrecht have even gone out of business; they haven't been able to pay their players' wages for three months and the Dutch F.A. have settled this bill.

Spanish club Real Zaragoza have been calling emergency meetings in a bid to resolve the club's embarrassing financial problems. Even though gate receipts totalled over £1m in the first three months of the season, Zaragoza still haven't managed to pay off their outstanding debts from last year...

Hamburger SV centre-forward Horst Hrubesch, signed after topping the Div. 2 scorers list has been fined £1,400 because before joining HSV he signed a contract with Eintracht Frankfurt.

FRANZ BACK WITH WIFE AGAIN

FRANZ Beckenbauer and his wife, Brigitte, are together again. The Cosmos and West Germany superstar has had a few problems with his personal life and left his wife and three sons for Diane Sandmann, a photographer.

Beckenbauer and the 24-year-old Miss Sandmann have been living together in a luxury Broadway flat, but Franz is now back with his family in a £500-a-month house in New York.

I wouldn't be surprised if Beckenbauer was back in Europe next year after one more season with the Cosmos. I hear he's fed up playing in midfield, preferring his sweeper role.

At 33, Beckenbauer is still the most accomplished player in the world, oozing class, and 1979 may well see him back in West Germany with Bayern Munich.



Your chance to win a fabulous World Cup Book

IN recent weeks I have reviewed two World Cup '78 books by Fleet Street journalists, both of which were, I thought, very good.

But by far the best is the one called, simply, World Cup '78. Mind you, perhaps it *should* be the best: it costs £9.95, which is a lot to pay for a book even these days.

You certainly get your money's worth, though. The book, published by Marshall Cavendish, comprises 252 pages and the colour photographs are simply breathtaking. I have not seen so many top quality colour photos in a football book.

The script brought back all the memories of the competition and gives some interesting answers to controversial questions.

At almost £10, the book is not going to be bought by many soccer fans, but if you DO have money given you for Christmas, and want a book of the highest quality about the premier tournament, World Cup '78 is for you.

In the meantime, I'm giving away a copy to

ten readers in a free-to-enter competition.

All you have to do is to answer the three questions below and put the answers on a POSTCARD, with your name, address and age, and send them to: World Wide Competition, 55 Ewer Street, London, SE9 6YP, to arrive by NOT LATER THAN January 5th, 1979.

The senders of the first ten correct postcards, checked after that date, will each win a copy of World Cup '78.

1. Who was the top scorer in the 1978 World Cup Finals?
2. Who scored Scotland's first goal in the competition, against Peru?
3. Who almost won the World Cup for Holland, but hit a post in the last moments of normal time in the Final?

The competition is open to readers in the U.K. and Eire, except employees (and their families) of I.P.C. and the printers of SHOOT.

MIKE MacDONALD looked bewildered. Rikki Fleming looked embarrassed. Joe looked delighted. The Aberdeen goal-machine had just added to his impressive tally and Hibs, his former club, were on the receiving end.

It was a typical effort from Harper, the stockily-built striker who brings menace to defences whenever he moves into the penalty-box. That particular goal against the Easter Road side came in his team's 4-1 Premier Division victory at Pittodrie this season and it was Harper's second goal of the afternoon.

Harper has the ability that comes naturally to a striker. He is known as "Mr. Goals" for very obvious reasons. He has been one of the most consistent goalscorers North of the border since emerging as a youngster of staggering penalty-box talent over a decade ago. He has brought misery to opponents and magic to his team-mates.

Goalscoring against today's packed defences is indeed an art. To get free of the shackles takes exceptional quickness of thought and a definite "killer" attitude.

The Aberdeen player has that touch, but who else can we expect to be a consistent scorer in Scottish soccer in the coming seasons? In recent years players such as John Duncan (ex-Dundee), Andy Gray (ex-Dundee United), Kenny Dalglish and Lou Macari (both ex-Celtic), Ian Wallace (ex-Dumbarton), Arthur Graham (ex-Aberdeen) and Willie Johnston (ex-Rangers) have taken their brilliant attacking methods South of the border with something like £1 million coming to Scotland.

Who are the players who are going to take their place? Who are the princes of the penalty-box, who are out to torture and torment defences in the future? Who, in fact, is good enough to take over the mantle of "Mr. Goals" when Joe Harper finally calls it a day?

Prospect

One who immediately springs to mind is Harper's team-mate Stevie Archibald, a magnificent prospect and a player who isn't afraid to take risks in crowded defences where the boots are flying.

"It's marvellous playing beside Joe," says Stevie, who cost The Dons a bargain £25,000 from Clyde last season. "He takes an awful lot of weight off your shoulders and is unselfish."

"He does plenty of hard graft for which he rarely gets credit. Joe doesn't drift out of a game as other strikers seem to do. He's always involved. I would hate to be a defender up against him!"

"I've got a lot to thank Joe for. And Billy McNeill, too. It was the Celtic manager who gave me a change of role that helped me become a goalscorer."

"Mr McNeill, of course, was in charge of Clyde for a short spell and I must have impressed him to a certain degree because when he became boss of Aberdeen he came back to Shawfield to sign me."

"I had been playing in midfield, up-front and sweeper for Clyde. I enjoyed myself in all those roles, but I must admit I have always preferred it in the attack."

"When I went to Aberdeen I was playing in midfield, but Mr. McNeill noticed I adopted a more positive role while in training. I was always wanting to have a bash at goal and,

SCOTLAND'S

SHOOT looks at some of the young goalscoring prospects North of the border to find out if any are good enough to take over from Joe Harper.

eventually, he gave me the opportunity to do my stuff in the first team up in the firing line beside Joe.

"It's gone quite well since then, I'm glad to say. Now Mr. McNeill has moved to Celtic, of course, and Alex Ferguson is the Aberdeen boss, but I have remained in my new role and I am enjoying it immensely."

Amazingly, Archibald scored only five goals in three years at Shawfield. Since arriving at Pittodrie he has crashed 14 goals into opponents' nets. And there are more to come.

In the first four months of this season Harper blasted in 23 goals and Archibald adds: "It could have been a lot more if he had just a little bit of luck."

"Honestly, they way Joe gets into shooting positions is quite fantastic. It's great to watch a real professional like him in action. Obviously I can't help but learn from him."

Andy Ritchie, too, is a player who scores incredible goals that leave the fans and defences alike staring in disbelief at the speed, power and cunning of his efforts.

The Morton star is not an out-and-out striker. He prefers to drift around midfield, parading his many skills and tricks. He is a class player who scores goals that deserve settings such as World Cup Finals. As it is he has to make do with Cappielow and other Premier Division grounds, but it doesn't prevent Ritchie from scoring a variety of goals that can only be described as breathtaking.

Just when it seems Ritchie isn't going to contribute anything to a game he will suddenly explode upon the scene, produce a moment of wondrous artistry and spectacular talent and the poor, unfortunate goalkeeper is going through the back-bending routine again.

"Yes, I'm often accused of being a lazy player," says Ritchie, "but, really, it's just my style. I don't charge all over the pitch, that's true, but I don't see the point in chasing lost causes. I prefer to be a bit more positive."

That could be the understatement of the year! Let's take a quick and random look at some of Ritchie's magical moments this season.

AGAINST CELTIC, at Cappielow, he took a cross from Davie Hayes on the right, tamed it on his thigh and, as the Parkhead rearguard descended upon him, he swiftly hit it first-time in one dazzling movement to leave Peter Latchford helpless.

AGAINST ABERDEEN, at Pittodrie, he waltzed past three defenders, sent the 'keeper the wrong

way and tucked the ball snugly in the corner of the net.

AGAINST DUNDEE UNITED, at Cappielow, he broke from midfield, beat centre-half Paul Hegart, looked up and saw 'keeper Hamish McAlpine coming off his line and, without even the merest trace of hesitation, lofted the ball into the top corner. Ritchie scored a hat-trick that day, but that was undoubtedly the best of the lot.

Shortly after Ritchie left Celtic for Greenock, the then Parkhead supremo Jock Stein paid out £60,000 to Dundee United for their leader Tom McAdam, who was going through a bad spell.

Critics nodded knowingly and

agreed it was a waste of money. McAdam, they thought, wouldn't fit into the Celtic pattern. Basically, they thought he was short in talent and didn't have enough power on the ground or in the air to become their number one target man.

McAdam has taken a delight in proving them wrong. He has worked hard at improving his game and, in particular, his aerial ability.

McAdam was not well known for his work-rate, while he was with former clubs Dumbarton and Dundee United, but Billy McNeill has also got him applying himself more to the team pattern and he is a better player for it.

It was no surprise when Jock Stein gave him a Scottish League "cap" against their Irish counterparts at Fir Park earlier in the season. In fact, it was McAdam's progress that made Celtic part with the services of former Partick Thistle goal-snatcher Joe Craig to Blackburn earlier in the season. He was their main striker until McAdam came on the scene.

Across Glasgow at Ibrox, Rangers, of course, have Derek Johnstone, who thundered in 41 goals last season to become the scourge of defences everywhere. Big Derek, who believes he is a better goal-stopper than goalscorer, hasn't got off to a quick-fire start to this term, but he'll be there or thereabouts at the top of the marksmen's chart at end of the programme.

Gordon Smith, too, knows a thing or two about placing the ball away from stranded goalkeepers. He hit 28 last year and like Johnstone, didn't get the best of starts this season, but after hitting two fine efforts against



Partick Thistle's Doug Somner (left). Gordon Smith of Rangers (above) scored 28 times last season. Celtic's Tom McAdam (right, hoops) beats Tom Forsyth of Rangers to the ball.

NEW HOT-SHOTS

Motherwell, at Ibrox, he regained his penalty-box hunger.

Alfie Conn, never noted for being a marvellous goal-thief, got off to a great start as Johnstone and Smith toiled, but while his Rangers rivals have found their touch again, the Celt seems to have gone off the boil. Injury, alas, struck Conn again just when the going was good, but the multi-talented attacker, whose super skills guide him through defences, is coming back to his best . . . and that is bad news for his opponents.

Frank McGarvey, too, has that whiplash ability to weave past desperate, determined tackles on the shortest route to goal. McGarvey hasn't been quite as devastating this season. He reckons he is being played out of position on the left-wing, preferring a central striking role.

The player, though, has immense talent and has been included in international pools named by Jock Stein, who is an admirer of his play. And Stein should know! McGarvey was on target several times against Celtic last season, while Stein was still at Parkhead. There seems little doubt Celtic would prefer to have a player like McGarvey with them rather than against them . . .

Partick Thistle's Doug Somner doesn't possess the guile of McGarvey or Conn. He plays an entirely different sort of game, but he is every bit as dangerous when he goes on the prowl for goals.

Somner began his career with Falkirk and established a respected reputation. He then went to Ayr United before moving on to Partick Thistle. He has been a consistent scorer over the past three years and

there are many centre-backs who will testify to his goal threat.

He is a bustling, never-stop-running type of striker, so old-fashioned that he is now termed a modern day target man! Somner will continue to bring frowns to defenders for a long time to come. Cutting-off his goal supply is no easy task.

One name has been ominous by its absence in the scoring charts recently — Willie Pettigrew. The Fir Park sharpshooter has suffered in the general decline of the club and obviously his confidence has taken a knock.

Caretaker-manager John Hagart was so unimpressed by Pettigrew's

form this season he dropped him from the first team. It whetted the player's appetite and he returned to the top side more determined than ever to show his critics he is not a one-season wonder.

Players with reputations receive

more attention from defences. They are respected and they pay the price for their fame.

Joe Harper has lived with that "guard of honour" for many years, but it has never prevented him from making an impression on opponents every season. Youngsters such as Archibald, Ritchie and company will have to learn to live with the same sort of pressure if they are to be mentioned in the same breath as the Aberdeen goal-king.

Are they young contenders? Or young pretenders? Only time will tell . . .



Mr. Goals of Scottish football — Aberdeen's Joe Harper.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Which Isthmian League side — Woking, Dulwich Hamlet or Sutton — knocked out Jimmy Greaves's Barnet in an F.A. Cup First Round second replay at Brentford?

2. Bolton's 3-1 win at Queens Park Rangers, on December 2nd, was their first, second or third away League win of the season?



3. Can you identify the world-class international player (above) in the Father Christmas kit?

4. After being out of the game for three months with damaged ankle ligaments, Birmingham City's Trevor Francis made a welcome return to football when he played, and scored the only and winning goal, in a private practice match against Liverpool, Lincoln City or Leicester City?

5. Peterborough recently paid around £5,000 for Harry Holman. From which Third Division club?

6. Luton Town entertained Dinamo Zagreb in a friendly at Kenilworth Road. The Second Division club won 5-1 with Bob Hatton, David Moss and Lil Fuccillo sharing the goals. Who scored a hat-trick?

7. In the Varsity match at Wembley, Cambridge pulled off a surprise 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2 win against favourites Oxford?

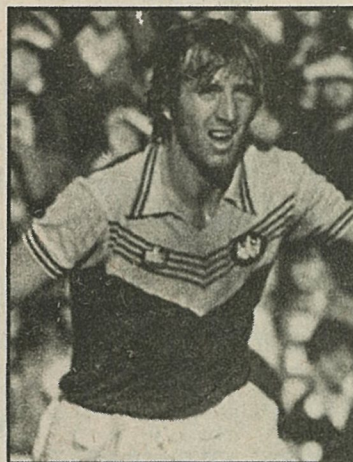
8. Study the action photograph (right), taken between Spurs and Coventry City, and see if you can answer the following questions. (a) Who is the Spurs defender on the ball, (b) the Coventry striker about to tackle him, (c) where was the game played and (d) what was the final result?

9. Alan Biley has been scoring goals regularly this season for which Second Division club?

10. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a First Division manager and his club ... MJIT-MHIS (GIRNBMMHAI).

11. True or false? After the Scottish Premier games played on Saturday, December 9th, just six points separated the top nine clubs.

12. Hereford United's Peter Spiring has played for three other League clubs. Can you name them?



13. West Ham's Billy Bonds (above) had a testimonial recently against Tottenham at Upton Park. Did The Hammers win 3-1, 4-2 or 5-3?



14. Norwich City have had 11 managers since the last War. Cyril Spiers, Dugald Lockhead, Norman Low, Tom Parker, Archie Macaulay, Willie Reid, George Swindon, Ron Ashman, Lol Morgan, and John Bond are ten ... who's the other one?

15. West Brom's Mick Martin was transferred to Sunderland, Middlesbrough or Newcastle United recently for around £100,000.

U.E.F.A. CUP
The U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round second-legs were played recently. Answer the following questions about the ties.

16. Arsenal went out of the competition when they drew against Red Star at Highbury. What was the aggregate score?

17. In which country do Red Star play?

18. How many Scottish clubs played in this round?

19. Manchester City gained a fine 3-0 home win v. AC Milan to win 5-2 overall. What was the half-time score at Maine Road?

20. Who scored West Brom's two goals in their 2-0 win at The Hawthorns against Valencia?

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Player: — LEIGHTON PHILLIPS

Club: — CRYSTAL PALACE

QUIZ ANSWERS

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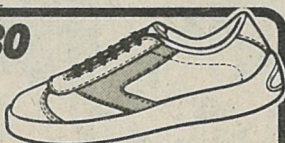
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FULHAM

A COMBINATION of the "Last Days of Pompeii" and Fulham Football Club will raise many a puzzled look. But Lord Lytton, who wrote the famous work, was said to have written it in the cottage which the ground is named after.

The original cottage was built in the late 18th century and was destroyed by fire in 1888 and the present one rebuilt.

Fulham Football Club had been formed in 1880 by two local vicars and the name Fulham was taken up later.

Turning professional in 1900, Fulham were elected to the Southern League in 1904 and two seasons later won the Championship, a feat they repeated a season later.

That second title saw the club win election to the Second Division of the Football League for the start of the 1907-08 season.

Still seeking their first Division One League Championship or F.A. Cup Final victory, Fulham went very close in their first season. They finished fourth in Division Two and missed promotion by only three points and lost in the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup to Newcastle.

Fulham were to stay in the Second Division for 17 seasons. Then in the 1927-28 term they were relegated to the Third Division (South) after finishing 21st.

They took only four seasons before finishing Champions in the 1931-32 campaign. It was a goal happy year with 111 League goals and Frank Newton setting up a new scoring

dominated by Johnny Haynes

record in a season, it still stands, with 41 goals.

A season later they almost made the first ever leap from the Third Division to the First in two seasons, although both London rivals Charlton and Q.P.R. later performed it, Fulham finishing third, five points behind Tottenham and six behind Second Division Champions Stoke City.

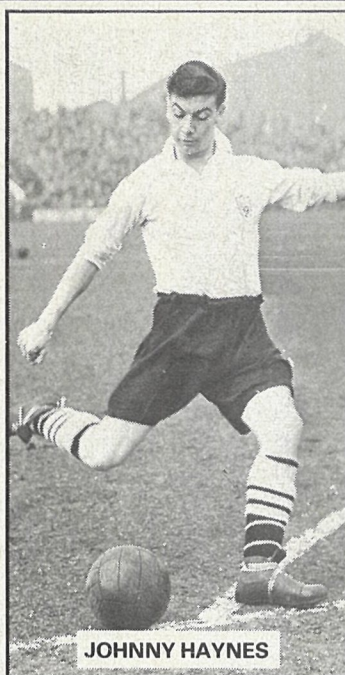
In 1935-36, Fulham reached the Semi-Finals again with Sheffield United beating them 2-1. The London club staying in the Second Division until the 1948-49 season.

Under South African born manager Frank Osborne, Fulham at last won promotion to the First Division with some fine players in the team.

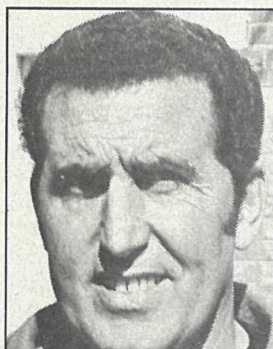
But the going in the top grade was hard for the Craven Cottage side. Positions of 17th, 18th and then bottom in the 1951-52 season.

Seven seasons of Second Division football followed. The first five passing without any undue drama, but in 1958, Fulham had an epic F.A. Cup Semi-Final meeting with Manchester United. The first game was drawn 2-2 and then United won 5-3 in the replay.

One player dominated the Fulham side in those years. Johnny Haynes



JOHNNY HAYNES



ABOVE... Manager Bobby Campbell. RIGHT... Fulham's Viv Busby (left) in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final



was in a class of his own as an inside forward.

The following Fulham records show how big a debt they owe to this outstanding player. He is the club's most capped player with 56 appearances, he also skipped England. He holds both the League appearance record with 598 League games between 1952-70 and Haynes also holds the club's aggregate scoring record with 159 League goals.

A year after their Semi-Final clash with Manchester United, Fulham won promotion to Division One as runners-up to Sheffield Wednesday. They fared a little better this time in the top grade as they lasted nine seasons.

In 1961-62 Fulham came very close to Wembley again. After drawing 1-1 in the Semi-Final of the F.A. Cup, they lost 2-1 in the replay. But the 1967-68 term saw them bottom of the First and a season later slid straight down into the Third Division.

Two seasons only were served in the Third Division before they finished runners-up in 1970-71.

In May, 1975 they reached their first ever F.A. Cup Final, but were beaten 2-0 by West Ham.

PEN PICTURES

(L. App.— League appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes. All records to the end of the 1977-78 season.)

JOHN BECK: Midfielder signed from Coventry City in October, 1978, and he has already made a big contribution to the improved Fulham side. Born London. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.9. L. App.— Q.P.R. 32 and 8 sub, Coventry 55 and 8 sub. G.— Q.P.R. 1, Coventry 5.

TERRY BULLIVANT: Midfielder signed as an apprentice in 1972 and graduated through the Youth and reserve teams. Born London. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 8.9. L. App.— 51 and 7 sub. G.— 2.

GORDON DAVIES: Striker signed from Southern League Merthyr in March, 1978. Born South Wales. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.6. L. App.— 4 and 1 sub. G.— 1.

RAY EVANS: Defender and club skipper. Signed from Millwall in March, 1977, and earlier in his career appeared in a U.E.F.A. Cup Final with Tottenham. Born London. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.4. L. App.— Tottenham 132 and 4 sub, Millwall 74, Fulham 51. G.— Tottenham 2, Millwall 3, Fulham 4.

JOHN EVANSON: Midfielder and has also played in defence and attack for Fulham since joining them from Blackpool in July, 1976. Born Newcastle-under-Lyme. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 10.12. L. App.— Oxford 145 and 13 sub, Blackpool 63 and 4 sub, Fulham 68

and 4 sub. G.— Oxford 10, Fulham 4.

TONY GALE: Brilliant prospect who can play with equal skill in defence or midfield. Signed professional in August, 1977. Born London. Ht. 6.1½. Wt. 12.4. L. App.— 38. G.— 8.

CHRIS GUTHRIE: Striker signed for a big fee from Swindon Town in September, 1978. Born Dilton-on-Tyne. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.2. L. App.— Newcastle 3, Southend 107 and 1 sub, Sheffield United 58 and 2 sub, Swindon 38 and 1 sub. G.— Southend 35, Sheffield Utd 15, Swindon 12.

BRIAN GREENAWAY: Striker who graduated through the Youth team to become a member of the first team squad in the 1976-77 season. Born London. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.1. L. App.— 27 and 3 sub. G.— 2.

STEVE HATTER: Defender signed professional in May, 1976. Born London. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.0. L. App.— 5.

KEVIN LOCK: Defender signed from West Ham for a big fee in May, 1978. Won an F.A. Cup winner's medal with West Ham in 1975 against Fulham. England Under-23 international. Born London. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.6. L. App.— West Ham 122 and 10 sub. G.— 2.

MARK LOVELL: Midfield player signed professional in August, 1978. Born London. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.5. L. App.— 2 and 1 sub.

TONY MAHONEY: Striker signed professional in August, 1977. Born London. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.12. L. App.— 14 and 5 sub. G.— 3.

JOHN MARGERRISON: A midfield player who signed for Fulham after being released by Tottenham in 1975. Born Bushey. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.2. L. App.— Fulham 43 and 2 sub. G.— 2.

RICHARD MONEY: Defender or midfielder signed from Scunthorpe United in December, 1977. Has been in the England U-21 squad several times. Born Lowestoft. Ht. 5.11½. Wt. 11.5. L. App.— Scunthorpe 165 and 8 sub, Fulham 23. G.— Scunthorpe 4, Fulham 2.

GERRY PEYTON: Goalkeeper signed from Burnley in December, 1976. Fulham's only ever-present last season. Republic of Ireland international. Born Birmingham. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.11. L. App.— Burnley 30, Fulham 65.

LES STRONG: Defender and Fulham's longest-serving player. Began career as a junior with Crystal Palace. Born London. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.7. L. App.— Fulham 193 and 3 sub. G.— 3.

CAMPBELL'S MINOR MIRACLE

MANY people in the game would be delighted if Fulham won promotion to the First Division this season. Manager Bobby Campbell has performed a minor miracle on the banks of the Thames. Keeping well clear of boardroom rows, Campbell had been forced to sell top players to bring in much needed money. But instead of giving in, Campbell injected some exciting youngsters into the side and they have not let him down.

For a modest fee he first signed Richard Money from Scunthorpe United. Yes, the same club that produced Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence and sold them to Liverpool and it is no coincidence a certain club not far from the Mersey has been taking an interest in Money this season.

Since the start of last season, John Mitchell, Teddy Maybank and John Lacy have departed from Craven Cottage for six figure fees. Outgoings that have seen the arrival of Kevin Lock, Chris Guthrie and John Beck as Fulham make a determined bid to win promotion to Division One.

FULHAM



FRONT ROW: Gordon Boyd, John Evanson, Terry Bullivant, Bobby Campbell (manager), Brian Greenaway, Richard Money, Les Strong, Gordon Davies.

BACK ROW (left to right): Ian Salter (youth team coach), Ron Woolnough (physio), Tony Mahoney, Steve Hatter, Tony Gale, Gerry Peyton, Perry Digweed, Geoff Banton, Kevin Lock, John Margerrison, Mike Kelly (assistant manager).

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